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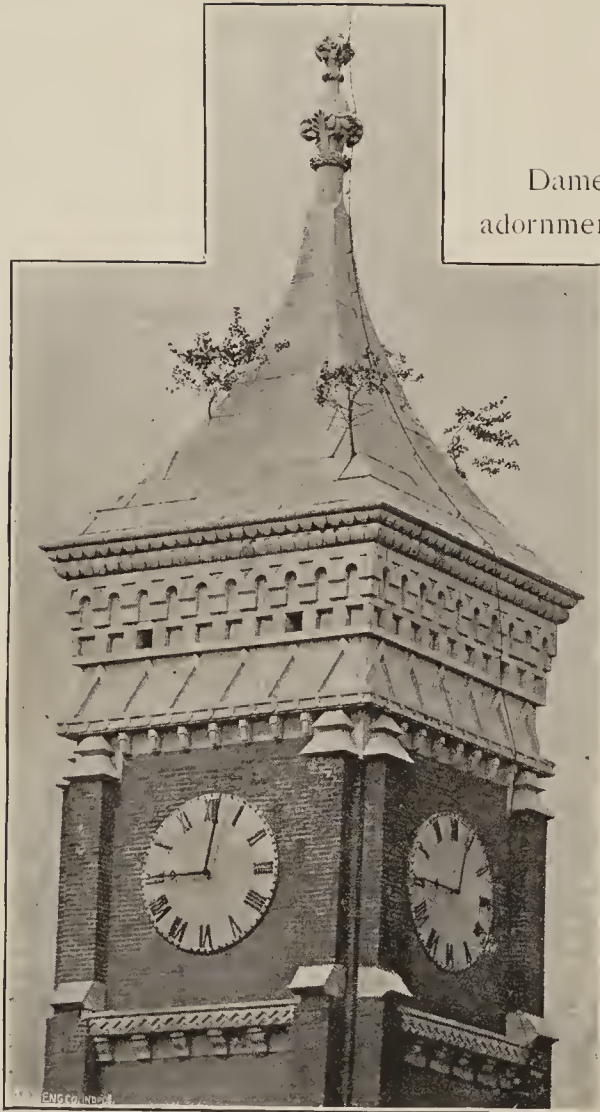


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## THE TREES ON THE TOWER

Dame Nature, in one of her peculiar moods, and as if to add perceptibly to the further adornment of the fine tower which surmounts Decatur county's Temple of Justice, has, for some years, afforded ample nourishment to the roots of beautiful specimens of the large-toothed aspen (*populus grandidentata*), erroneously called the silver maple, growing somewhere in the hidden recesses of the tower, which is built principally of hewn blocks of limestone. Creeping through the narrow interstices, between the heavy layers of hard rock, the sprouts continued to flourish like the famous green bay tree of tradition. The waving branches, stirred by the gentle Hoosier zephyrs, and the pretty leaves glistening under the life-giving rays of the sun, has aroused pardonable local pride, and challenged the wondering gaze of visitors, and of the strangers who crane their necks from car windows to witness a startling phenomenon which has given fame to the city. Like all of the other trees of this family—which includes the willows and poplars—the seeds are very small and clothed with a long, silky down. These have lodged between the rocks, where they naturally propagated in the dust and moisture gathered there. Some of the trees became so large that they moved the stones a trifle, and were condemned as a serious menace to the structure. They were therefore removed, root and branch. One has been allowed to remain, however, and there in all its glory “the lone tree” on the tower gracefully bends before the breezes, like a proud and stately courtier of the forest.



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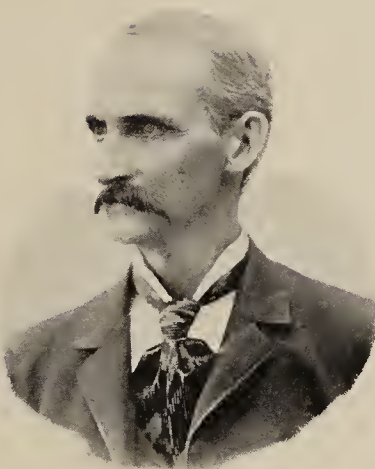
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## *Introductory*

In offering this little work to the good people of Greensburg, hoping that it may be received with some degree of pleasure and satisfaction,

if not, also, with some manifestation of local pride, the author has not much to say. The Souvenir is able to speak for itself. The purpose has not been at any time to go into elaborate detail respecting the history of this community, though some attention has been given to it. The object, rather, has been to show Greensburg "as she is," in all her beauty, and to give glimpses of her business and social life. It is far from being complete. Some of the oldest, wealthiest and most prominent families are not represented for reasons of their own. The fact

is much to be deplored, of course, but the results of some months' labor may be sufficient, nevertheless, to compensate those who have gen-

erously extended aid and encouragement to the work from its first inception.

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# THE CITY OF GREENSBURG

BY FRANK CARLE HAZELRIGG

MEN, and cities, and nations, hold their places in history and have claims upon the world's attention by reason of some quality which is of present importance to the race—something which may endure, perhaps, after they themselves have passed away. It is not by reason of power of arms, like that of old Rome; nor of glory of art, like that of classic Athens; nor yet of alluring mysteries of great learning, like those of the storied land of the sacred Nile, that our own fair city of Greensburg now holds the mind and claims the interest. Incorporated in 1850, with Richard Thompson, who is still living, as its first mayor, Greensburg has known naught but an experience of steady, solid growth in population, commerce, manufacturing, education, and in all those details which are essential to the making of a city where life is worth living and where culture is not the exclusive possession of any class.

Decatur county was set apart in 1821-22, its people coming from Kentucky, Pennsylvania and farther East, and the little hamlet of Greensburg was its important center at once. The pioneers who cleared the forests—now the broad and fertile acres covered with fine residences and great barns, pasturing sleek and contented cattle, and supporting thousands of sterling citizens in comfort—had the same trials, dangers, disappointments and successes that have been embalmed in song and in story in Kentucky's dales and mountains. Greensburg, in its early days, was the scene of many merry-makings by youth and maiden, and to the soft influences of the charms of the five fair daughters of Mrs. Thomas

Hendricks upon the eligibles of the sterner sex is due the selection of the name our city now bears—it being called after Greensburg, Pa., the former home of the Hendricks family. And as from the first house built in Greensburg—a log house occupied by Mr. Hendricks and his family—still goes out an influence that is felt; even so does the effect of the good seed sown in “the old seminary,” now a residence on South Franklin street, yet produce a harvest to be commended. This educational institution, which was established in 1834 by James G. May, who was succeeded by Abram Hendricks, Thomas A. Hendricks, afterward vice-president of the United States, Philander Hamilton and F. P. Monfort, paved the way for our present magnificent graded schools and our commissioned high school—second to none in the state. Though the country was still wild and the life rough, the early settlers decided not to do without those better elements of the civilization they had left in their abandoned Eastern homes, and they soon built churches and sought for that other first adjunct of a perfected city, a newspaper, and *The Chronicle* was established in 1830, but it lived a few months only. Other papers were established as the city and county grew, until now we boast of dailies and weeklies representing almost all shades of political beliefs.

While Greensburg's manufacturing interests are considerable and growing, the city, nevertheless, is not what is called a “factory town.” Located in the midst of an unexcelled agricultural region, with a climate such that crops seldom if ever fail of a goodly return for honest effort, her





THE CITY, LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM STOCKMAN'S ELEVATOR

interests are largely those of husbandry, and vast wealth has been acquired through the peaceful pursuits of agriculture. Under the fertile soil contiguous to the city lies an inexhaustible mine of wealth in splendid limestone, and, though many thousands of dollars are invested in great quarries, giving employment to hundreds of men, this tremendous store of value has as yet scarcely been scratched over.

Located within ten miles of the center of population of the United States, on the main line of the Big Four system of railways, about midway between Indianapolis and Cincinnati, with direct lines to Benton Harbor, Mich., to Louisville, Ky., and to other distributing points; with excellent telegraph and express facilities; with the largest telephone system of any city of its size in the whole country; with pure water and a superb system of water-works; artificial gas and electric light plants; an abundant output of natural gas from the home field; solid banks and fine hotels; well paved and well shaded streets; social, literary, musical and commercial clubs; well kept parks and public buildings; splendid schools and churches; with citizens who have enterprise, wealth, refinement, sociability and liberality, Greensburg offers inducements unsurpassed to the home-seeker who would live among congenial people, where he can educate his children, acquire a competence, cast his ballot and worship his God, free and equal before his fellowmen.

There are cities which claim a larger share of the world's attention, which overshadow in wealth and size and volume of business, but there is a subtle charm to life in Greensburg such that those who break away from it do so but to return, and such that the stranger who is caught within the field of its influence remains a willing prisoner. It is to such a place as this that all are bidden welcome through this Souvenir.

## CITY OFFICIALS

**Mayor C. F. NORTHERN**—Came to the city of Greensburg with his parents when six years of age from Salem, N. C., where he was born November 12, 1859. He received a good common school education, and for a period of fifteen years was prominently identified with the dry goods trade of this city. He was first honored by election to the mayoralty in May, 1891, being the only Democrat to achieve success in the city elections on a straight out ticket of his party, a fact attesting the mayor's popularity as a public spirited citizen. His warm admiration for Greensburg in consequence finds cheerful and hearty expression whenever occasion offers, publicly or privately. He is grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, I. O. O. F., and past master of the A. O. U. W. local lodge.

**D. E. BIDDINGER**—Councilman from the First Ward, was elected on the Democratic ticket in what is known as a Republican bailiwick. He was born on a farm in Hamilton county, Ohio, and when about eighteen years old settled near Connersville, Ind. In 1885 he became a resident of Kansas City, Mo., where he remained four years, serving the United States and Pacific Express Companies most of that time. He then came to Greensburg and built a feed mill, which he continues to successfully operate. He is a director in the building and loan association, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Red Men and A. O. U. W. Orders.

**WESLEY LANIUS**—Councilman from the First Ward, was born at Mt. Carmel, Ind., December 25, 1856. When he was eight years old his father died in the army, and the family removed to Greensburg. Here he was educated in the public schools, and afterward learned the trade of carpenter, which occupation he has continued to follow. For many years





# CITY OFFICIALS

D. E. Biddinger  
M. F. McNaught

Ed Siling  
W. A. Watson  
H. E. Black

Mayor C. F. Northern  
F. W. Ziekendrath  
Frank Smith

G. G. Welsh  
O. H. Stout  
Wm. I. Johnson

Wesley Lanius  
Charles Fromer

he has been a successful breeder of fowls, known as the black-breasted red game and the black-breasted red game bantam varieties. Since the death of his mother seventeen years ago, Mr. Lanius has, with two sisters, maintained a comfortable home in the city. He is a Democrat, and three times in succession has been elected to the city council from a Republican ward, first in 1889, then '91 and '94, respectively. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order.

**O. H. STOUT**—Councilman from the Second Ward, was born in the city of Greensburg, August 22, 1842. He was raised upon a farm, and after passing through the common schools spent one year in Franklin College and also one year in Lebanon (O.) College. Teaching school for a couple of years, he entered upon an active business life—four years as a merchant, about twelve years in the manufacture of tombstones and monuments, and then became interested in the great limestone quarries at Westport, being treasurer of the Sand Creek Limestone Company. He was elected to the council in the spring of 1894. Mr. Stout is a member of the Masonic Order, and is esteemed as an enterprising citizen.

**M. F. McNAUGHT**—Was born of Scotch and German parentage in Morgantown, Morgan county, Indiana, February 20, 1853. After attending the public schools he completed a fair education in Thornton Academy, Boone county, and located in St. Paul, Decatur county, remaining there from 1874 to May, 1879, when he settled in Greensburg, following the occupation of mechanical engineer, and for thirteen years was in charge of the machinery department of Emmert & Co.'s flouring mills, this city. He was elected on the Republican ticket, spring of 1892, to represent the Third Ward in the city council. He is at present in charge of the pump stations on the West Chicago division of the Big Four railway.

**W. A. WATSON**—Member of the city council from the Third Ward, was born in Decatur county, June 27, 1863. He was raised in the city of Greensburg, and received the benefit of its fine school system. At an early age he entered his father's foundry and machine shop and became a skillful artisan of that trade. For a number of years he turned his attention to gas fitting and gas well digging, but returned to the foundry and assisted in building up that large business. His fellow-citizens honored him with the election of councilman in the spring of 1894, on the Republican ticket. He is a director in the Workingmen's Building and Loan Association, and is a member of the Odd Fellows and A. O. U. W. Orders, being one of the trustees of the former.

**CHARLES FROMER**—Member of the city council from the Fourth Ward, was first elected on the Democratic ticket in 1890, and re-elected in 1893. He was born in Baden, Germany, February 11, 1839, and came to this country when thirteen years old via New Orleans to Madison, Ind. He settled on a farm near Napoleon, Ripley county, and when the civil war broke out in the spring of 1861 enlisted in Company I, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving three years. He was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor and again at Suffolk. Returning to Napoleon he left that place in 1871 to reside in Greensburg, and has since been engaged in the liquor and restaurant business. He belongs to Pap Thomas Post, G. A. R., and is one of its past commanders.

**F. W. ZICKENDRATH**—Representing in part the Fourth Ward of the city, was born May 7, 1840, and is a native of Grunberg, Hesse-Darmstadt, Province of Oberhessen, Germany. When eight years old he came with his parents to New Orleans, where his father died in 1853. On returning to the old country in 1856, his mother died on the ocean. In his





CITY HALL AND FIRE WAGON

native village he learned the trade of baker and confectioner, and again embarked for this country, landing in New York in 1860. In 1861 he enlisted in the One-Hundred-and-Third New York Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, and served honorably two years, when he was called back to Germany on account of family affairs and became engaged there in business. He could not, however, resist the attractions of this country, and in 1866 again landed in New Orleans and followed his trade in the lively packet trade between that city and Cincinnati. He settled in Greensburg in 1868, and established his present business about 1876. He is an Odd Fellow and Royal Arch Mason.

**G. G. WELSH**—City clerk of Greensburg, was born in Clay township, Decatur county, Indiana, July 10, 1867. Removed to Adams when seven years old and was a member of the first class in the county graduating from the common school branches at the age of sixteen. He came to Greensburg and graduated in the high school class of '89. He has since followed the profession of teaching; at the Washington school, this township, three years, and is now in the third year of the Robbins school near the city. He was elected city clerk in 1891 and re-elected on the Republican ticket in 1894 for a term of four years. He is an Odd Fellow, and a charter member of the Sons of Veterans Camp.

**ED SILING**—City treasurer of Greensburg, was born in the same city, May 24, 1867. He obtained his education in the public schools and graduated from the high school in the class of '84. He learned the cabinet makers' trade in Siling & Woolley's furniture factory, and has remained continuously in the employ of the same firm. His popularity has been twice evinced by being elected city treasurer, first in May, 1891, and again in May, 1894. He has been an Odd Fellow since 1888.

**FRANK SMITH**—City marshal, was born in Lawrenceburg, Ind., Aug. 22, 1849, where he was raised and educated in the public schools. He was a soldier in the One-Hundred-and-Forty-Sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and came to Greensburg September 25, 1867, to accept the position of sexton of the South Park Cemetery. He remained there eleven years and then served five years on the police force. Returning to his former position as sexton he continued there until elected city marshal in the spring of 1891. He was re-elected in 1894.

**H. E. BLACK**—City civil engineer, was born on a Kentucky farm in Pendleton county, that State, January 22, 1859, and in April, 1879, settled in Greensburg. He received a public school education and then took up the profession of surveyor and civil engineer. In that capacity he was employed by the V., G. & R. railroad during its construction, and for some time by the Kentucky Central. He was also construction engineer of bridges for the C., R., I. & P. Railroad Company in the Indian Territory and Texas. Mr. Black was postmaster of Greensburg under Cleveland's first administration and served four years. He has been civil engineer of the city for several years, and is a member of the K. of P. Order.

**WILLIAM I. JOHNSON**—Chief of the fire department, was born September 10, 1851, on a farm in Washington township, this county, and followed the occupation of farming until the spring of 1874, when he located in the city of Greensburg. He has been a coal and wood dealer, and is at present in the transfer business. Mr. Johnson was for nine years a member of the volunteer fire department, and for his efficient service was appointed chief in May, 1891, and reappointed last spring for a second term.





DECATUR COUNTY COURT HOUSE

## MINISTERS OF THE CITY

**Rev. J. W. DUNCAN**—A native Hoosier, born in Dearborn county (a county noted for the large number of ministers it has furnished) of Scotch-Irish parents, who resided on a farm near Aurora. They were not wealthy, and the son's prospects for an education were not flattering. His father gave him a colt which he sold for one hundred dollars; with this small sum he entered Moore's Hill College, and with what additional assistance his parents could give he continued in school until he graduated in 1874. Subsequently he was graduated from the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill. He at once entered the Methodist ministry. His first pastoral charge in the Southeast Indiana Conference was at Wilmington, in sight of his old home, then to succeeding pastorates in the order here given: Grace Church, Indianapolis; Franklin, Ind.; Third Street Church, Indianapolis (during which time a new location was sought and a handsome edifice erected, known as Hall Place Church); Brookville, Ind., and to First Church, Greensburg, in which he has entered upon the third year.

**Rev. LEWIS D. MOORE**—The present pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, was born in Lawrenceburg, Ind., September 19, 1858. He finished the course of study in the public schools of his native city, after which he attended Moore's Hill College one year. In the fall of 1877 he went to Indiana Asbury (now De Pauw) University, where he remained four years, graduating in 1881. In the fall of that year he entered the Southeast Indiana Conference. He received the degree of A. M. from his *Alma Mater* in 1883. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Greek fraternity and the Odd Fellows; also secretary of his conference.

**Rev. T. M. WILES**—Pastor of the Christian Church, was born on a farm in Fayette county, Ind., and the old homestead, settled in 1832, still remains in the family name. His early education was completed in a seminary under the tuition of Prof. W. M. Thrasher, now of Butler College. His first pastorate was at Mt. Carmel, Ill., where it endured five years; but, returning to Indiana, he has filled the pulpits of the Christian Church at Connersville, Anderson, Jeffersonville, Franklin and Greensburg, in the order here given, coming to this city in April, 1893. He was state evangelist of his church in 1885, and for more than two years past he has been a member of the Indiana State Board of Charities. Altogether his services in the ministry cover a period of twenty odd years.

**Rev. R. G. ROSCAMP**—Late pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was called from Kokomo, Ind., in March, 1892, and was installed in June of the same year. He is a native of England, having received his theological education in the theological seminary in Sunderland, county of Durham, and began his ministry in 1872, and in September, 1874, was sent by the missionary committee of London to labor in Canada. In 1877 he was transferred to the United States, and labored in Pennsylvania, Ohio and at Kokomo, Ind., where he built a magnificent church costing \$23,000. He took a post-graduate course in the University of Illinois in 1890, and took his B. D. degree, and in the year following received his degree of D. D. Rev. Roscamp took charge of the Greensburg church in April, 1892, and after a very successful pastorate resigned to accept a call back to Kokomo, where he is now located.

**Rev. J. B. THOMAS**—Late pastor of the Baptist Church, was born on a farm near Sardinia, Ind., in 1857, and is a son of Samuel Thomas, of this county. He is a graduate of Franklin College, class of 1882, and





#### MINISTERS OF THE CITY

Rev. L. D. Moore  
Rev. J. B. Thomas

Rev. J. W. Duncan  
Rev. R. G. Rosecamp

Rev. T. M. Wiles  
Rev. M. Brothers

spent one year each in the Rochester Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. His first pastorate was in the Baptist Church at Mishawaka, Ind., afterwards accepting calls from Richmond and Covington, Ind., Demorest, Ga., and in 1891 from the Baptist Church of Greensburg, where he continued till the summer of 1894, when he resigned the charge.

**Rev. M. BROTHERS**—Pastor of the Church of God, was born in North Carolina, September 19, 1829, and when four years old came with his parents to Wayne county, Ind. He was converted at the age of sixteen, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when twenty-one. He attended school three years at New Castle, Ind., and was licensed to preach in the Methodist Church in 1860. He was a traveling preacher for five years thereafter, and then became located until 1884. At that time he withdrew from the Methodist denomination and united with the Church of God. He has held the Greensburg pastorate three years.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**—Rev. E. Martinovic was the first Catholic priest who visited Greensburg. He held divine service in private houses until 1855, when a small brick church was built. The first resident pastor was the Rev. J. P. Gillig, who labored here from 1863 till 1871. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. L. Brassart, who had charge during nearly three years. In the fall of 1874 the Rev. Daniel Curran became pastor, and in 1877 was succeeded by Father Henry Kessing. The latter died November 20, 1882, and was succeeded by Geo. S. Steigerwald, the present incumbent. The new church is a spacious structure of semi-gothic style. In connection with the church there is a parochial school, under the charge of the Sisters of St. Francis, which has an average attendance of eighty children.

## THE CHILDREN'S HOME

OF DECATUR COUNTY, located in Greensburg, on a beautiful and shady plat of ground, fronting on Walnut street, is a grand institution. Every citizen of the county is proud of it, and its noble mission and successful management has justly won for it the very highest words of praise. The Children's Home was organized in 1882, under an act of the legislature passed some years before, empowering the county commissioners to provide a home for the indigent children, not for orphans alone, as popularly understood. It will always redound very much to the credit of the county commissioners who took the initiatory steps in this matter. They were D. A. Tucker, H. W. Badeker and Erastus Lathrop, and their excellent judgment in selecting Miss S. M. Bonfoy as matron has been thoroughly demonstrated by her remaining in charge of the Home from the time it was opened until the present day. Children dependent upon the county for assistance are eligible for admission to the Home, between the ages of one and thirteen years, and have a right to its care until sixteen years old, though so far only three, one a cripple, have remained till that age. The others have been sent out to homes in families or to relatives whom a fortuitous change of circumstances has enabled to resume care of the children. A few, also, have been transferred to state institutions. The county pays only thirty cents per diem per capita, and this small amount covers the entire support of the child. The number of inmates present at any one time has varied from thirty-five to forty-nine. The children attend the public school and the various churches and Sabbath schools in the city, and through part of

the year a kindergarten class is conducted for the benefit of children under school age. The health record during the existence of the Home is something phenomenal. A sixteen-months' old child, sick upon entering, died of membranous croup in March, 1883, and this has been the only case of fatality in the Home! In addition to the commodious ground, affording ample room for play and exercise, five acres are rented by the matron, where the boys are given needed employment in the cultivation of vegetables. The girls are all taught the usual routine of household duties. No partiality is shown—there are no favorites. It is a veritable happy family, and the kind and ever-busy matron is a mother to them all.

Of Miss Bonfoy much might be said here in simple justice to her noble, self-sacrificing spirit, if it were not positively offensive to her keen sense of propriety and her modest, refined nature. It is little enough to say, however, that she zealously prosecutes her work with great tact and rare executive ability, always sustained by a true Christian faith, an abiding love for the little ones in her care and that unwavering devotion seldom known to any other but a mother's heart. She is a New Yorker by birth, and a "Hoosier" by adoption since 1865. She taught for several years in the public schools of Connersville, Ind., then in the Indiana Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Knightstown, where her splendid qualities for this noble work developed and became conspicuous. She came from there to Greensburg to organize this Home, and began her duties here in September, 1882. They have made the name of Miss Bonfoy an imperishable part of Decatur county's history.





F. M. DOWDEN'S BROADWAY BLOCK

tion, made by the defeated parties, but which, doubtless, had little justification in facts. Thomas Hendricks, the founder of the place, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., and had been in charge of the government land surveys in 1819-'20 in this section, and at the land sales in the fall of the latter year bought several fine tracts in this locality. He was the second of five brothers who came to this state at an early date. William, who settled at Madison, and subsequently served the state in its Executive chair and in the United States Senate; John, settling at Shelbyville, and was the father of Abraham T., who was principal of our County Seminary in 1840, and afterwards a Presbyterian minister, and of the late Thomas A., ex-Congressman, ex-Governor, ex-United States Senator and ex-Vice President; Jamison, a farmer, in Ripley county, and Abram, a public works contractor, who executed the feat of the "deep cut" through the Madison hill.

After the land sales, Mr. Hendricks returned to Pennsylvania, and that winter ('20-'21) brought his family, consisting of his wife, five daughters and son (the late Abram Hendricks) down the Ohio to Madison, on a "broadhorn" laden with iron castings of all marketable varieties; the family arriving here in January, '21. He built the first house in the place, a double-log, located on the north side of Central avenue and about 200 feet east of East street. This house became the "Mecca" to which was directed the gaze of the land-seekers of several years following, and until 1825 the courts of the county were held and justice meted out therein. Colonel Hendricks was, until his decease, in May, 1835, easily the "first citizen" of the county—its leading man in social, church and state affairs, and the encourager and liberal assistant of the later emigration; was colonel of militia, representative and senator from this and

Shelby counties in the State Legislature, and the main stand-by of the Presbyterian Church as well as a liberal supporter of all other churches.

The quarter south of town, and lying on the main creek, was bought at the sale by John House, and only a few days after, the Hendrickses, he and his family—wife, four sons and two daughters—arrived here. They were stalwart West Virginians—just the kind of men to open out and build up the country. The father was a millwright and miller, and in a very brief time had a saw and grist mill in operation; and, though not part and portion of the town, the houses were quite a large quantity in the matter by its future development. But two of the original family are now among us: Isaac, who resides in this city, now in his eighty-fifth, and Elias, near Harris City, in his eighty-third year. This is one of the very few tracts in the county that has had no more than one transfer, Isaac having been the continuous owner since the death of his father. As assistants in the land surveys, Colonel Hendricks brought with him six young men, all Pennsylvania neighbors—Jacob and Silas Stewart, John Gageby, Thomas Ireland, Samuel Logan and Samuel and Edward Heuston—all but one of whom remained here, and became in greater or less degree connected with the future development of the town or surrounding country.

Edward Heuston, mentioned above, was the first husband of Mrs. ("Aunt") Jane Warriner, who a few months ago rounded out her ninetyeth year, and the seventieth year of her residence here, at the home of her grandson, on North street. A fact related to the writer by this venerable lady well illustrates the drawbacks and difficulties surrounding the pioneer settlers. She, with an infant child, left her Pennsylvania home to join her husband here, in the winter of 1821-'2, coming down the river



to Cincinnati on a barge. Arrived there, she could find no means of conveyance to this place, and was necessitated to "foot it" the entire distance, carrying the child, which was too small to walk. There was

nothing that would now be called "roads" from here to the Miami river, at that time—a mere blazed way through forest, cut out so that a wagon could, with much difficulty, work its way along.



RESIDENCE OF J. H. CHRISTIAN

Following soon after the above were the Lathrop family—a widowed mother, five sons and two daughters. They were Vermonters, and had come to this state as early as 1819, settling temporarily on Laughery, near Hartford. When the lands here were put on the market the father entered the "quarter" now known as "Wilson's Addition," and, dying soon after his return to Laughery, the removal of the family to their coming home was delayed several months.

On the organization of the county (1822), Henry H. Talbott, a young Madisonian, came here having an appointment by the Governor as clerk of the court. At the election the following August he was elected to the office and was re-elected in 1828, '32, '40 and '46, for terms of six years each, and in 1852 and '56 for terms of four years, retiring in August, 1860, after having served in all thirty-eight years.

Samuel Bryan, wife and child, another addition to the Pennsylvania colony, came in the spring of 1822. He was a cabinetmaker by trade and had his shop at the southwest corner of Main and East streets. A few years later he started the first drug store in the town, and some years later was in the dry goods line. He was a justice of the peace for several years

previous to 1834, when he was elected to the legislature and re-elected the next year, being a member at the time of the passage of the "Mammoth" Internal Improvement bill of 1836, which, while favoring a liberal system, he regarded as too gigantic a scheme for the times and therefore opposed it. After this he was again elected justice and continued in the office until stricken with paralysis. He was born February 1, 1798, near Greensburg, Pa.; died May 6, 1873. He was also a director of the Lawrenceburg and Indianapolis Railroad from its inception until its completion to this city in 1853. His widow, Mrs. Sarah A. Bryan, survives him and lives in this city with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Stockman, bright and happy at the age of eighty-seven.

My recollection of the town in 1830-32 is of a village of perhaps 400 or 500 inhabitants, mostly centered between East street on the east and a north and south line with the Baptist Church on the west, and Railroad street on the south and Central avenue on the north. There were three families on Broadway south of Railroad, five south of Railroad and east of Broadway, six on Michigan avenue (southeast) and two on Main east of East. The business was all done on the square, which could then boast of five two-story bricks on the south side, two on the east, one (the post-office building) on the north and four on the west side. One fourth, perhaps, of the square lots were vacant, and all the others occupied by small brick, frame or log buildings. The only ornament to be seen was a forty-foot square court-house (unadorned) and the several scores of poplar and walnut stumps that surrounded the building. The business of the town in those early days was of three classes: General stores, in which was kept dry goods of all required varieties, groceries, hardware, etc., (the "etc." including grindstones, but not custom made clothing and

foot gear, which were something then unknown); what is now known as saloons and the various kinds of mechanics demanded by the new settlement. The two former were all on the public square and the latter mostly on the off streets. The general merchants were William B. Ewing (afterward Ewing & Sorden), Hendricks & Talbott, James Robinson, James Freeman and O'Riley & Colwell. Samuel Bryan (soon after "Bryan & Logan") was in the drug line. Gabriel Woodfill was another of the business men of that period; in 1837 he went into the dry goods line, and founded the house now known as W. S. Woodfill & Sons. Edward Warthin, father of the Warthin Brothers, was another of the pioneers. About 1835 came Blair & Foley, Foley retiring a year later, and the style becoming J. & P. R. Blair. Philip R. was an adopted son, and a business man par excellence. He died in January, 1844, soon after which the senior partner closed out the business.

Andrew Dyer, Ira Grover and John F. Stevens were merchants of a little later date; Dyer locating here in 1837, Grover in 1839, and Stevens in 1841. In 1841 Mr. Dyer was elected county auditor (the first to hold that office) and was re-elected in 1845, 1849 and 1853. Mr. Grover continued in the business but a short time, and gave the rest of his active years to farming; he was the father of Colonel I. G. Grover, of the Seventh Infantry, and of Major Marshal Grover, the present popular druggist.

Elijah Mitchell, another of the Kentucky emigration of 1823, began, in 1830, the publication of a paper here, which he sold a year later to Thomas Dowling, and another year saw its death. In 1832-'3 he erected a grist-saw and oil mill on the present site of the Emmert elevator, running it until 1836, when he sold out and began the milling business at Clarks-





RESIDENCE OF JAMES M. WOODFILL—THE OLD HOMESTEAD



RESIDENCE OF WILL C. WOODFILL



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES M. WOODFILL

burg. His establishment here was the first steam mill in the county. In 1837 John F. and James L. Stevens, young Madison men, opened a dry goods store on the East Side, two doors south of the alley. About a year later James L. withdrew and went to Missouri. About the year 1850, Mr. Stevens built the three-story block on the East Side, now owned by Hart & Hill, and from then to its close the business was carried on there. John L. Stevens was twice elected to the State Senate (1851 and 1857). In 1862 he was appointed draft commissioner for this district, and, while in the discharge of his duties in this line, was ambushed and killed near Moscow, Rush county. The miscreant who did it was never identified, and escaped the summary punishment that would have been visited upon him.

Davies Batterton, a graduate of 1847 of the State University, was the same year chosen Principal of the Decatur County Seminary. In 1851 he became part owner and editor of the *Decatur Clarion*, which relation he held until May, 1853, and again from the latter part of 1856 till his decease, April 19, 1860. He was the first to introduce an exclusive local department in the country newspaper, was a spirited, piquant writer, and a success as an editor. Meantime, he was a member of the drug firm of Batterton & Hazelrigg from 1852 on. He represented this county at the session of the Legislature of 1856.

The medical profession had its representatives in the persons of Drs. Jesse M. Gillespie, Teal, Anthony and Hartley. The two former of these died in 1833 and the two latter departed for parts unknown about then. From 1833 to 1840 the fraternity was represented by Drs. Lyman, Bartholomew, Carter and Fogg, all of whom had the confidence of the community in their professional skill. Following these, were Drs. William

Armington and John W. Moodey, in 1839, and in the spring following, Dr. George W. New, and a year or two later John L. Armington. The two Armingtons had previously had several years' experience in the profession, while Moodey and New were young men just out of medical college. All were men of ability, devoted to and successful in their profession. Dr. Moodey was several years a member of the Board of Trustees of our State Asylums, and Dr. New surgeon of the Seventh Indiana Infantry over three years, and ranked high in army circles.

[NOTE.—Here follows a brief reference to the early members of the Greensburg bar, omitted because of Judge Moore's article, "Bench and Bar," which appears elsewhere.—E. E. M.]

These recollections—for such in the main they are—would be incomplete without some reference to the churches and their ministry. Prior to 1833 there were but two church organizations in the place, Presbyterian and Methodist, and neither of these had a church building, but held their Sunday services "turn about" in the court-house. In 1830 the Presbyterians let the contract for a building on the site of the present Baptist Church, which, when up to the square, it was claimed by the contractors for the brick work, was complete and the work was stopped then for a time and the building not completed until 1833. About 1835 the Methodists erected the house on North Franklin street now occupied by Edward Kessing as a residence. The few Baptists then in town held their membership in the "Old Sand Creek" Church, one mile southeast. About 1833 two men appeared here, John O'Kane and — Thompson, and soon following them Cary Smith, who preached "strange doctrines" and were denounced as "heterodox" by the old churches. They called themselves Disciples, or Christians, but were derisively called "Camp-



bellites" by others. They were earnest men, combative when attacked, and for several years a fierce war of words was waged between them and the orthodox. It was not a great while until they had gathered together quite a large congregation and about 1840 built a meeting-house on the

northwest corner of Broadway and Railroad, in which they continued to worship until in the later '60's, when the house on North Broadway was built. In 1848 the Presbyterian people sold their old house to the Baptists and built on the site now occupied by them, and the Methodists also sold theirs and built on the site of the First Charge. Both of these last, as also the Baptist, have since been taken down and new and more commodious buildings erected in their place.

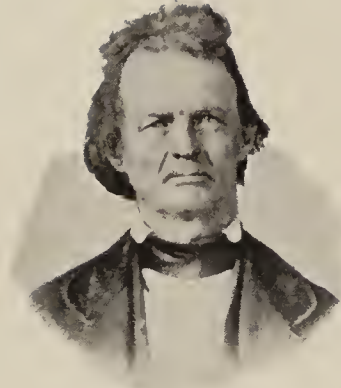
Of the ministers who officiated in these first churches, several are worthy of remembrance for their work's sake. Rev. Samuel Hurd, Rev. Wells Bushnell and Rev. Joseph G. Monfort, of the Presbyterians; Revs. Allen Wyley, William M. Daily, Joseph Tarkington, F. C. Holliday, John W. Sullivan, James Crawford, Amos Bussey and Williamson Terrill, of the Methodist; and John B. New, Jacob Wright and Milton B. Hopkins, of the Disciples, with others whose names do not now occur to me, all did work that has redounded to their own honor among men, and to the great good of not only our city, but the entire county.

This brings me down the stream of time to the year 1852, the year the new State Constitution came into effect, and when all things became new. Middle-aged persons who may read these Memories, know what the succeeding years have produced quite as well as I, and with such, no rehearsal of them is needed.



FAMILIAR FACES IN GREENSBURG SOCIETY

## JOHN THOMSON



JOHN THOMSON (Deceased)

Was a son of William Thomson. He was born in Nicholas county, Ky., March 26, 1796, and married to Spicy G. Hamilton (born October 12, 1802) November 22, 1821. They came to this county in 1823, settling four miles northeast of here, and to this city in 1835, where she died December 22, 1838. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom died in early infancy. Those reaching man and womanhood were Orville and Rosina, now of

this city; Camilla T. Donell, of The Dalles, Oregon, and Origen, a well-known civil engineer, and many years an owner in the Harris City quarries, who died in 1883. By a subsequent marriage to Catharine Gillespie (*nee* Hopkins) he had two sons—Milton M., who died young, and Jesse M., a well known business man of this city. Mr. Thomson was bred to the farm, but about 1827, in company with Elijah Mitchell, introduced the first wool-carding machinery into the county, locating it on the exact site of the residence of Robert A. Hamilton, and continued that business until 1835, having in 1832 brought the machinery into town. In 1835 he began the publication of the *Greensburg Repository* (now the *Standard*), continuing it until 1843, when he turned it over to the writer. From this time until his death, February 6, 1856, he was en-

gaged in the family grocery and drug business. In 1829 he was elected sheriff of this county, and was re-elected in 1831, receiving about 870 votes to 92 cast for his opponent. In 1833 he was a candidate for the State Legislature, and was defeated because of being a member of a temperance society. In 1839 he was elected associate judge of the circuit court, serving four years, and in 1843 judge of probate for a term of six years. For the last twenty-three years of his life he was a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church in this place, and its frequent delegates in the Presbyteries and Synods of that body.—[O. T.]



J. P. THOMSON

## ORVILLE THOMSON



ORVILLE THOMSON

Eldest son of John and Spicy G. Thomson (*nee* Hamilton), was born in Decatur county, four miles northeast of Greensburg, June 20, 1823. From the age of seven to twelve years he worked in the summer in an old style wool-carding factory, and in the winters attended such schools as were then afforded. He and a sister and younger brother were the first “scholars” to enter the old Decatur County Seminary, when it was first opened in the fall of 1834, by the late James G. May. In his thirteenth year he began to learn the printer’s trade, and has worked at it off and on—most of the time *on*—up to date; has by times been publisher, editor and jour—employer and employe—and



has found that there is a vast amount of human nature lying around on this mundane sphere, and that the employer is about as likely to "deal justly and have mercy" as the employe. On the first call (three months) for volunteers, in 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company F, Seventh Indiana Volunteers, and in the reorganization of the regiment the next September in Company G, in which he served as First Sergeant and the

two Lieutenantcies, and, except about two weeks in August and September, '61, was under Uncle Sam's orders until after the surrender of Lee. He is now in the job printing line, and "thankful for past favors solicits a continuance of the same." May 15, 1845, he was married to Nancy, daughter of John and Jane Hazelrigg, of this vicinity, born February 15, 1825, and together they have climbed the hill of life even until now.



GREENSBURG CARRIAGE WORKS

### J. P. THOMSON

Was born in Greensburg, September 5, 1854. He attended the public schools and at the early age of thirteen began the trade of printer in the office of the *Decatur Press*, then published and edited by his father, Orville Thomson, now a highly esteemed patriarch of the city. Young Thomson remained in the printing business until 1880, when he entered the United States revenue service. Retiring from that in 1885, he engaged in the creamery business four years, and soon after became Deputy County Treasurer under J. W. Nation, serving during the latter's term, when, by a vote of the people, he was promoted to County Treasurer, taking full charge of the office in August, 1893. His careful and honest management of its affairs has been rewarded by re-election for a second term.

# THE GREENSBURG SCHOOLS

BY PROF. W. P. SHANNON

IT IS APPROPRIATE to give only the distinctive features of our schools and omit entirely what we have in common with all other city schools. In reading, the aim is to establish in the pupil confidence that he can read at sight. The method is for the teacher to make a list of the new words in a lesson, develop their meaning, and then distribute the books and have the pupils, who are supposed not to have seen this lesson before, open the books and read at sight. The readers are kept from the hands of the pupils until the teacher thinks that they are masters of every word in the lesson, as to its meaning, spelling and pronunciation. After the reading recitation, the books are returned to the teacher's table to remain until the words of the next lesson are developed. The meaning of a word is taught by development and not by definition. The test of a pupil's mastery of a word is his ability to use it in a sentence.

In the eighth grade the reading book is Benjamin Franklin's *Autobiography*. In seventh grade, *Our American Neighbors*.

In spelling, the teacher makes his spelling book as he goes along, selecting words from the general school work. In this way the pupil learns to spell words as he learns their meaning. He doesn't need to know how to spell a word until he knows how to use it.

The method in geography is to use outline maps, and, in most cases, to work a continent in a grade—South America in fourth grade, North America in fifth grade, Europe in sixth grade, the United States in seventh grade, and Asia, Africa and Australia in eighth grade. South America is

taken up first because it is the best type of a continent. Its configuration and details of coast line are easy and only a general knowledge of the interior is necessary. At the end of the year the pupils of the fourth grade are able to fill in an outline map of South America so as to show the countries, capitals, seaports, plateaus, river systems and principal volcanoes. This work prepares the pupil for the more difficult work of North America in the fifth grade, and in fact for all the continental studies. More detailed studies are made of North America and Europe than of the other continents, and an entire year is given to the United States. In every grade, at the beginning of the year, preliminary work is done with the globe and tellurian.

Drawing is taught in the lower grades by means of perforated cards with combination designs. In the higher grades drawings are made of the leaves of our forest trees. In this way pupils learn to draw, and at the same time cultivate the power of observation and gain substantial knowledge. After two or three years of this kind of work many pupils have handsome books of leaf drawings, of which they are justly proud.

In every room are seen pots of sand with growing beans, peas, corn, etc. In this way the children, by judicious management, learn, not from being told, nor from reading it in books, but from actual observation, what a seed is, how seeds germinate, how plants grow, the signification of the plant element, the modifications of parts and their special functions. The best educators agree that the ability to see and think for one's self is



best developed by nature studies. Any good educator will at once say that the Greensburg schools are among the best, when he learns that they have a special teacher of music, and a special teacher of penmanship, and that the position of eighth grade teacher is made equal to a high school

position. The Greensburg High School is, as nearly as can be, divided into departments. There is a special teacher of Latin, a special teacher of History and English, a special teacher of the natural sciences and a special teacher of a Commercial Course. There being no special teacher of

mathematics, this work is distributed among the teachers of other departments. The course in Latin includes portions of Cæsar, Virgil and Cicero. The course in mathematics, which is very complete for a high school, is: First year, algebra; second year, plane geometry; third year, solid geometry and the conic sections; fourth year, trigonometry and surveying, field work in surveying.

Studies in English literature extend through the four years, and consist of reading and discussing the best works of the best authors. Regular class work is done in English composition throughout the second, third and fourth years; and the compositions read at the semi-monthly rhetorical exercises are the products of this class of work. Some of the equipments which are worthy of special mention and which place the Greensburg High School on a high plane, are a dynamo, an Ellis air pump, four compound microscopes, a barrel of alcohol, collections of rocks, minerals, fossils, insects and fishes, a human skeleton, the skeleton of a fox, the skulls of some of the lower animals, a manikin and a library. Special laboratories are fitted up for chemistry, physics, botany, zoology and geology.



THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

With these facilities, students are enabled to investigate for themselves, and what they learn is the result of intellectual effort and not of memory alone. An important feature in studying the natural history sciences is field work. A day spent now and then cracking bowlders and following the great moraine that extends through Decatur county, or hunting forests and noting the structures of stratified rocks, or observing the habits of plants and fishes and birds, or bottling the various forms of pond life, is more profitable than the same time spent in the school room. Here we often read at a glance what descriptions and illustrations fail to make plain. Specimens are collected and taken to the laboratory to work out. There is a personal interest in studying the material collected by one's self. The course in geology is especially adapted to the geology of Decatur county. Here we have the drift, the Niagara limestone and the Cincinnati limestones and shales. The bowlders of the drift give many examples of metamorphic rocks and an occasional specimen of lava. The Cincinnati limestones give an idea of the primitive life that swarmed in the ancient seas and the Niagara limestone leads us to seek the conditions that favored the formation of Decatur county's building stone the best in the world.

The course in biology is the dissection of a series of selected types of plants and animals. Each type represents an order or class of organisms. Systematic botany is taught in the spring and fall. The students of the present Senior class did much of this kind of work through the summer. This shows an interest in the study that is highly creditable to the school.

Without the compound microscopes and barrel of alcohol the good work done in biology would be impossible. When, about three years ago, the trustees made an appropriation for these things they added very much

to the efficiency of the Greensburg High School. But equipments are not all, so when, last spring, the trustees decided to divide the High School into departments and employ specialists for these departments they did another great thing for the Greensburg High School. Again, at the beginning of the present school year, when the trustees decided to make an annual allowance of \$50 for the continued growth of the High School library they did a thing that our city will be proud of before many years.

The pupils of High School take and read the *Week's Current*. Ten minutes every morning is devoted to a discussion of one or more articles in this paper. The results of this work are manifest in the ordinary school essays and in commencement productions.

Twenty-five minutes is set apart each morning for general instruction. Two or three of the instructors take turns and very much is done by the school outside of the ordinary class work. Last year astronomy, hygiene, and punctuation were handled in this way. This year it is meteorology, civil government and physiological psychology. In astronomy the pupils prepared charts showing the movements of the moon and planets among the stars. In meteorology each pupil keeps a meteorological record and these observations are discussed in connection with the government weather maps. Physiological psychology is limited to the two higher classes. The pupils make easy experiments relating to the special senses, reaction time, and association time; and the morning exercise is a discussion of reports of experiments. Civil government is limited to the two lower classes. Pupils make outside investigations, from a local standpoint, of township, city, state and national government, and report for discussion.

The Greensburg High School has a three years' course, which con-



stitutes the Greensburg Commissioned High School and is preparatory to college. It also has a four years' course, which is our graduating course, and which gives a well rounded up high school education. Besides the regular course post-graduate work is being successfully carried on, such

as advanced work in geology, history and political economy. Out of 775 pupils enrolled in all the schools, 120 belong to the High School. More than sixteen per cent. of the enrollment is thus seen to be in the High School. No doubt the footings at the end of the year will show more than twenty per cent. of the attendance to be in the High School.



EAST SIDE SCHOOL BUILDING

In all the schools of the county there seems to be a good feeling towards the Greensburg High School. Last year there were seven graduates from the schools of Washington township; now these are all here in the High School. Others are in attendance from different parts of the county. This outside patronage is increasing every year.

Our High School is twenty-five years old and has 250 graduates.



## SCHOOL PROFESSORS

**Prof. W. P. SHANNON**—Superintendent of the Greensburg schools, was born on a farm near Spring Hill, Decatur county, Ind., October 31, 1847. Leaving the Richland Academy for the Sophomore year in college, he graduated from the Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, class of 1873, with Master's degree. He was principal of Glendale High School, near Cincinnati, one year; principal of Greensburg High School from January, 1875, to 1882, and superintendent of the city

schools since 1883. He has been a member of the Indiana Academy of Science since its organization, and is its present treasurer. Prof. Shannon is an assiduous and enthusiastic student of natural history, having carefully studied and preserved specimens of the fishes, insects, plants and fossils of Decatur and adjoining counties. Not content with investigating the curiosities of nature in his own country, he spent one season in Europe, and his cabinets contain specimens of such rare worth, and exhibit such a high degree of scientific research, that they have placed him among the leading scientists of the state.

**Prof. GEO. L. ROBERTS**—Was born on a farm in Adams township, Decatur county, and there received his early training and education. He zealously persevered in private normals, and by private instruction, to fully equip himself for the profession of teaching, which he had adopted, and was received into the Senior class of the State University, at Bloomington, Ind., from which he graduated in the spring of 1894, being awarded the B. A. degree in Botany. For a number of years he has taught in the common schools of the county, and in the graded schools at Adams. He began here in the grammar grade in 1885, and two years later took up the high school work as instructor. He is now teacher of science. Professor Roberts is a member of the Indiana Academy of Science, and at its last annual meeting contributed a most valuable paper, giving interesting results of some original work in botany. He is a Knight of Pythias, and has passed all the chairs in the Greensburg Lodge, of which he is a charter member. He has also represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge.

**Prof. THOS. L. HARRIS**—Teacher of English and history in the high school, was born April 8, 1864, in a log cabin situated on a patch of cleared land in one of the backwoods districts of Hamilton county, Ind.

He attended the district school a few months each year, but closely applied himself to books at home, and in this way, it may be said, picked up his early education. He was licensed to teach when but fifteen years old, and actually began at the age of seventeen. He prepared for college with very slight assistance, and entered Indiana University at Bloomington, in 1886, but in the two succeeding years he was principal of the Sheridan schools, and of the Oxford schools in 1889, then going back to college and graduating in the class of 1892 with the degree of A. B. In 1889 he successfully passed the examination for a teachers' life state license, and after college took a post-graduate course in history and political economy in the State University at Madison, Wis., under the distinguished Prof. Richard T. Ely. He has been connected with the Greensburg High School since 1893. Prof. Harris has given much attention to business and financial matters, and to literary pursuits as well. He helped to organize the State Bank of Sheridan, Ind., with a capital of \$30,000 in 1892, and has been its vice-president since. He has just finished the manuscript of a book which thoroughly analyzes the international questions and issues arising out of that famous episode of the late war known as the Trent Affair—a subject which, unfortunately, has been treated lightly and unsatisfactorily by historians. The success Prof. Harris has achieved is due entirely to his own unaided and indefatigable exertions from early youth.

**Prof. CHAS. T. POWNER**—Of the city schools, is a native of Decatur county. Passing through the common schools, he entered Hartsville University, usually teaching during the winters. After deciding to become a teacher, he entered the State Normal School at Terre Haute, where he remained one year. Returning to Decatur county, he was elected Principal of the Sardinia Graded School, remaining there several years. "Going



West," he taught eight years in the graded schools and summer institutes of Macon county, Ill. Returning again to his old home, in 1890, he has since followed his chosen profession, and is now employed as teacher in the eighth grade, and has just completed a quarter of a century of school work, sixteen years of which were spent as a teacher in the schools of

Decatur county. Probably no teacher in the county has addressed more institutes and educational assemblies than Prof. Powner, whose power as an instructor arises from his close study of the methods of teaching and his ability to interpret these methods in accordance with psychological principles. He is a Royal Arch Mason; has passed the chairs in the Blue Lodge, and in the order of Knights of Pythias.

**Prof. JNO. W. JENKINS**—County Superintendent of Schools, was born and raised in Decatur county, Ind. His birth-place is St. Omer, and May 14, 1847, the date. His parents removed to St. Paul in 1857, and the son was kept constantly in school, when at the early age of sixteen he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-Third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He was with his gallant comrades through the memorable campaign of Atlanta and the famous siege of Nashville. Two more years at school after his return home enabled him to enter upon a most successful career as a school teacher, and for a period of eight years he was principal of the St. Paul and of the St. Omer schools. His marked ability as an instructor became generally recognized and appreciated, and three times he has been elected as a Democrat to the important office which he now holds, first in 1887, next in 1891, and again in 1893. He is a member of the G. A. R. and is an Odd Fellow and K. of P.



PROF. JNO. W. JENKINS



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Prof. Thos. L. Harris

## PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

**Dr. JOHN H. ALEXANDER**—Is one of the oldest members of the medical fraternity of Greensburg, dating his advent to the city from July, 1858. He was born in Palestine, Ill., November 7, 1829, where he was raised and received his early education in the public schools, going from them to Paris Academy. He began the study of medicine when a young man, and September 27, 1862, he was commissioned assistant surgeon in the Twenty-Seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, going into active service and winning a full commission as surgeon of the regiment, issued to him July 15, 1864. Owing to the consolidation of the regiment with the Seventieth he was mustered out of service November 4, 1864. Resuming the practice at home in the spring of 1865, it has been continued to the present time, and for seven years and a half he was one of the board of pension examining surgeons. He is a graduate of the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati.

**Dr. S. V. WRIGHT**—Was born on a farm near Cincinnati, Ohio, November 23, 1846, where he was raised. He began teaching at the age of eighteen, took up the study of medicine, and when twenty-four years old graduated from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, class of 1870 and 1871. He has been in continuous practice since, locating in Greensburg in 1873. He has been prominent in the prohibition movement since 1888, and twice led a forlorn hope as candidate of his party for Congress, and was a delegate to the National Prohibition Convention in 1892. He was state central committeeman four years, and for one year was editor and proprietor of the *Prohibitionist*, a prohibition organ, and a stockholder in the *Argument*, another newspaper of the same character.

**Dr. J. V. SCHOFIELD**—Is a native of Vernon, Ind., born April 6, 1856. In 1863 his parents removed to Madison Ind., and from the public schools there the son entered Hanover College, the oldest institution of the kind in the state, beautifully located on the banks of the Ohio river. He began the study of medicine at Cincinnati, and, taking the four years course in Miami Medical College, graduated in the class of 1878, when twenty-two years of age. He started to practice at Harris City the same year and continued there till May, 1889, when he located in Greensburg. He was on the board of pension examining surgeons five years; has been a surgeon of the Big Four Railroad Company, associated with Dr. Thomas, during the past three years, and is a member of the American Medical Association and of the National Association of Railway Surgeons. He has passed all the chairs in the K. of P. and Masonic local lodges and belongs to the Odd Fellows' Order.

**Dr. W. H. WOODEN**—Was born in Clifty, Decatur county, Ind., August 12, 1857, and when about eight years old came with his parents to Greensburg. He was a graduate in the High School Class of 1873, and then entered the State University at Bloomington, Ind., leaving that institution, however, when completing the Junior year. He began the study of medicine and graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, March 1, 1879. He has since been a successful practitioner, and is Secretary of the County Board of Health. He is a Master Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

**Dr. R. M. THOMAS**—Was born on a Decatur county farm, in Jackson township, October 5, 1858, where he was raised and attended the common schools. He subsequently spent three years in Franklin College, Ind., and began teaching school, but turned his attention to the science of



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medicine, taking a course in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and graduating March 8, 1883. He started practice at Sandusky, Ind., and two and a half years after, in 1885, located in Greensburg. He was secretary of the board of health in the former place, is now a member of the pension board of surgeons, and for three years past a surgeon of the Big Four railroad company, associated with Dr. Schofield. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias order.

**Dr. T. B. GULLEFER**—Was born March 12, 1851, in the city of Indianapolis. He was raised there, and from the common schools went into De Pauw University, taking three years of the course. Turning his attention to the study of medicine, he graduated from the Medical College at Indianapolis, in 1881, and completed a course in the Hahnman College, Philadelphia, the same year. He also finished a course in the Chicago Homeopathic School in 1891. He has been in the practice of his chosen profession for thirteen years, the last seven years of which have been in Greensburg. At the present time he is the only practicing physician and surgeon of his school in the city.

**Dr. J. Y. HITT and Dr. S. B. HITT**—For biographical sketches see another page of this Souvenir, with portraits accompanying the same.



## THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

There is no official position of greater trust and responsibility than that of county commissioner. To discharge the duties faithfully and well requires a peculiar standard of ability, long business experience, sterling integrity, and the patience of Job. The present capable and efficient board is composed of gentlemen whose prudence and sagacity has inspired the highest degree of confidence in all their official acts, while dispatching public business. They practice the most rigid economy in all necessary expenditures.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wm. D. Daily

Hamlin Anderson

M. L. Wright

**HAMLIN ANDERSON**—The chairman, is a native of Decatur county, born and raised in Clay township, where he still lives upon the old homestead. He was forty-one years old March 29, 1894. He is favorably known as an exemplary citizen, and as an industrious and successful farmer. He was first elected commissioner on the Republican ticket in 1890, and re-elected in November, 1894. He is a Master Mason.

**WM. D. DAILY**—Is also a native of Decatur county, born January 9, 1830, and raised on a farm in Marion township. He was educated in the common schools and in 1854 removed to Illinois, where he spent eight years in farming. He then returned here and for several years was engaged in the grocery business in Greensburg, and afterwards became junior proprietor of the Dowden & Daily Monumental Works, with which he is now connected. He was a soldier in the One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the summer of 1864. Mr. Daily was county treasurer four years, and was elected on the Republican ticket to his present office in 1892 and re-elected in 1894. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order, Knights of Honor and the Grand Army of the Republic.

**M. L. WRIGHT**—The other member of the board was born in the City of Columbus, Ind., March 18, 1828. He was raised on a farm and attended the public schools, continuing the occupation of a farmer all his life. He came to this county in 1841 and settled in Marion township, where he still resides, and, by personal recollection, knows much about the pioneer days in this section of the country. He is one of the best known farmers of the county, and is a most excellent representative of that class on the board of commissioners. He was elected as a Republican in 1892.



FRANK M. DOWDEN

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Assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Greensburg, was born in Decatur county June 7, 1845, and is a son of the late Judge Samuel H. Dowden. He laid aside school books when the war broke out and enlisted in the Fifty-Second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. At the age of nineteen he was adjutant of his regiment, the youngest field officer of the famous Sixteenth Army Corps. He was wounded at Fort Donelson, and subsequently shared in all the dangers and hardships of the Western Army. Returning home, he entered Moore's Hill College, and in 1866 became Deputy County Auditor, serving with credit till 1871. He then accepted his present position, and for twenty-three years has faithfully discharged that trust. He belongs to the progressive element of Greensburg and has materially aided in making it the beautiful and gem-like city of Indiana that it is to-day. A fine home and a number of substantial business blocks stand as proud monuments of his enterprise, industry and frugality. Mr. Dowden was married May 13, 1867, to Maggie, eldest daughter of John D. Spillman, by whom he had three daughters, but one of whom, Miss Laura E., is now living. His first wife died in 1872, and May 13, 1876, he married Alice, eldest daughter of Samuel Christy, and two children, Samuel H., now a student in De Pauw University, and Miss Bessie, aged eleven, have blessed this union. He has been a member of the school board since 1862; is a charter member of "Pap" Thomas Post, G. A. R.; charter member also, of Indiana Commandery, military order, Loyal Legion; an Odd Fellow since 1872, and has been a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than thirty-five years.



JOSEPH DRAKE

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The well-known watchmaker and jeweler, was born May 18, 1840, on a farm in Johnson county, Indiana. At nine years of age he went to Franklin, Ind., living there until 1855, when he removed to Wright county, Minn. Returning, however, to Franklin in 1856, he learned his trade, and then settled in Greensburg in the fall of 1860. With the exception of a brief interval of only two years he has been continually in business since that time. In 1864 he went into service as captain of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana. He was councilman from the Second Ward in 1876 and 1877. He is a Past Master of Greensburg Lodge, No. 36, A. F. and A. M., Past High Priest of the Chapter, and is a member of Shelbyville Commandery. He is also an Odd Fellow, and belongs to "Pap" Thomas Post Grand Army of the Republic.

### FRANK D. DRAKE

Is a native of Greensburg, born October 13, 1867. He was educated in the public schools and followed the profession of teaching for several years. He then began the watchmaking and jewelry trade, and to fully prepare himself for his chosen occupation in life, attended and graduated from the following named institutions on the dates given: Parson's Horological Institute, La Porte, Ind., August 1, 1890; optical department, same school, June 17, 1890, and Chicago



FRANK D. DRAKE

Opthalmic College, May 30, 1892. He became associated with his father in business in the last named year. He is Senior Warden of Greensburg Lodge, No. 36, A. F. and A. M., a Royal Arch Mason, and one of the Sons of Veterans.

### JAMES M. WOODFILL

Is a life-long resident of the city of Greensburg, born here August 31, 1841. He was educated in the public schools, and at the age of nineteen began clerking in the store of his father, Gabriel Woodfill. He commenced business for himself in 1863, and started a general store, conducting it successfully for twenty years. Then for four years he took a well-earned rest from business cares. In 1889 he formed his present partnership in the firm of Woodfill, Byers & Company. The homes of himself and two sons are among the most pleasant and inviting in the city, affording all the comforts of a quiet life.

The old homestead is a substantial brick building, erected more than fifty years ago, and, with its surroundings of lawn and shrubbery, is none the less pleasing to the eye than more modern structures of the city. It has been the life-long residence of its present occupant. Mr. Woodfill has represented his ward in the city council, has been an Odd Fellow since 1862, and dates his membership in the Centenary M. E. Church from 1871. Upon a preceding page of this Souvenir may be seen a view of the old homestead, and residences of Mr. Woodfill's two sons.



JAMES M. WOODFILL





J. F. CHILDS

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Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio, made famous as the home of the distinguished Sherman and Ewing families, is the native city of J. F. Childs, where he was born November 4, 1844. Passing through the common schools, he entered Lafayette College in 1860, and in June, 1861, with the entire mathematical class of patriotic young Sophomores, enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac in General Sickles' Corps, the Third, and endured all its dangers, fatigue and hardships, through all its memorable campaigns up to the very day when General Lee gave up his sword to General Grant at Appomattox. Young Childs was four times wounded (badly in the Wilderness), and on the third day of the battle before Gettysburg was cut off, with other comrades, by the rebel Pickett's desperate charge. As a prisoner he was at Libby, Belle Island, Salisbury and Andersonville. He was exchanged and rejoined his command, coming out of the army with honors and promotion. He resumed his studies at college and afterwards followed the profession of teaching. He came to Greensburg in 1870 and began merchandising as the junior member of the wholesale and retail grocery firm of Conway & Childs. He has never aspired to political honors, but has been prominent and active in social and commercial life. He has been president of the county agricultural society eight or ten years, president of the old board of trade, commander four successive years of "Pap" Thomas Post, G. A. R., Sachem of the Red Men's order, and is now Master of Masonic Lodge, No. 36, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, and is a Royal Arch Mason.



DR. J. Y. HITT

### Dr. J. Y. HITT

For more than forty years in the practice of medicine, was born in Jefferson (now Oldham) county, Ky., on a farm, February 9, 1832. His early education was by a private tutor, but he later attended Funck's Seminary, a Masonic institution, also Low Pressure Academy at Oldenham, graduating therefrom in 1849. He took up the study of medicine, attending three courses in the University of

Kentucky, at Louisville, with such men in the faculty as Drs. Drake and Gross, graduating in the spring of 1853. He has been in constant practice ever since—a few years in Illinois, two winters in Indianapolis, and in Greensburg since 1859, with the exception of his army life. He went out to the war in June, 1861, as surgeon of the Seventeenth Indiana, and became surgeon of Wilder's brigade, spending some time also in the hospitals of the East. For thirty years he was a surgeon of the Big Four Railroad Company, commencing during Lord's administration. He was also surgeon for the G. A. R., department of Indiana, for two years.

### Dr. S. B. HITT

Born in Sullivan, Moultrie county, Ill., January 19, 1854; began his long residence in Greensburg when a boy five years old. He passed through and graduated from the public schools, after which he attended Notre Dame Institute two years. Being the son of a physician, it may be

said that he grew up in this honorable profession, and no fixed time can be stated when he really became a medical student. To complete a thorough education, however, he took a course in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and attended the first course of lectures in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and graduated from that institution in 1886. He has been in constant practice for about twenty years. He was for some time secretary of the board of health, and for eighteen years represented the fourth ward in the city council. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Order.



DR. S. B. HITT

### C. H. WOLF

The photographic artist, by whom a large proportion of the pictures in this Souvenir were taken, is a native of Wilmington, Ohio, born May 3, 1869. He was educated in the public schools and Wilmington College, and then entered upon his profession as an artist, displaying a good deal of natural talent for it. He was for some time engaged in the leading studio of West Virginia, at Parkersburg, and subsequently at Lexington, Ky., from which place he came to Greensburg and took charge of his present studio October 2, 1893, becoming its proprietor a few months later.



C. H. WOLF





GEO. B. VON PHUL

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Was born September 27, 1845, in Cincinnati, Ohio. When a mere boy he served as a soldier in the first thirty and ninety days' calls for troops in the civil war, and was subsequently placed by his father in the Pennsylvania Military Academy, but with other students joined Chester County Battery and served with it on Cemetery Hill in the famous battle of Gettysburg. On September 1, 1865, Mr. Von Phul began railroading as a brakeman, spending much of his



OAKVIEW—RESIDENCE OF GEO. B. VON PHUL, AND GOBLET LAKE



life in the service, running as conductor and occupying several responsible positions. This brought him to Greensburg in 1880, and engaging in other business enterprises, he was very successful. In March, 1871, he married Miss Josephine Milson, of Cincinnati, and in 1888 he bought Oakview stock farm, a beautiful tract of thirty acres adjoining the city. The delightful home is supplied with natural gas from a well upon the premises, and every modern convenience that city homes enjoy are here provided. In his stables are fine stallions, brood mares and colts: The pacer Legal Tender, jr., now twenty-six years old, with a mark of 2:27; Harry Wood, a six-year-old pacer, who got a record the past season of 2:16, and Betta Wilkes, a two-year-old that has paced in 2:47. A view of Mr. Von Phul's residence and Goblet lake accompanies this sketch.

#### **Dr. C. C. BURNS**

The well-known dentist, was born in Albion, Orleans county, New York, October 28, 1834, and at an early age removed with his parents to Parkman, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, a portion of the Buckeye State often alluded to as the Western Reserve. In 1844 the family was again caught in the tide of Western emigration, and settled that year in Decatur, Ill., but in 1852 returned eastward and located in Hoosierdom, the subject of this sketch learning the trade of watchmaker and jeweler. He abandoned this calling, however, and in 1855, at Franklin, Ind., began the study of dentistry, in which profession he has ever since been engaged. He practiced at Minneapolis, Minn., during 1856 and 1857, but returned to Franklin in the last-named year, and in 1860 located permanently in Greensburg, where he has enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity, owning some of the best business property in the city. The doctor has represented his ward in the city council, and is a Royal Arch Mason.



DR. C. C. BURNS



R. P. HAMILTON

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County recorder, is a native of Ripley county, Ind., born June 6, 1846. He was raised on a farm and received a good education, graduating from Hanover College, a tie with second in the class of 1872. He followed the profession of teaching thirteen years, studying law meantime, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. Serving two years, 1885 to 1887, as deputy county treasurer, he was elected county recorder, entering that office November 1, 1887, and re-elected by an increased majority in 1890, leading all associate candidates on the Republican ticket. He will retire with a fine record of eight years. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and was ordained an elder in 1875. As a mark of honor and esteem, his old college conferred upon him, in 1890, the degree of A. M.

### TAYLOR F. MEEK

Sheriff of Decatur county, was born November 15, 1848, in Decatur county, on a farm in Washington township, where he was raised and given a common school education. He enlisted in the fall of 1863 in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-Third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, participating in the Nashville campaign and serving to the close of the war. He was elected sheriff on the Republican ticket in 1892 and re-elected in 1894. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow, and belongs



TAYLOR F. MEEK

to the G. A. R. and Red Men. It is worthy of mention that he is the youngest of four brothers who were soldiers in the rebellion, and that his father, Adam R. Meek, was a gallant soldier in the war of 1812, who was honored as one of sixteen special messengers detailed to carry dispatches to the immortal Commodore Perry, on Lake Erie. They arrived upon the scene when the brave commodore had won the great naval battle of American history.



R. B. WHITEMAN

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Assessor of Decatur county, was born in Jay county, Ind., April 13, 1840. His father was the late Judge Whiteman, widely and favorably known in Indiana as minister, probate judge and legislator. Mr. Whiteman, the son, was raised on a farm, and from the common schools went to De Pauw University, spending one year there and then two years in the Farmers' Academy. He afterwards taught school, and with a recruiting commission in 1863, organized a number of companies for the war, and went into the field as Orderly Sergeant of Company F, One Hundred and Fortieth Indiana regiment, serving to the close of the war. He then engaged in farming, and in 1892 was elected county assessor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Whiteman is an active church member and one of the elders of the Presbyterian Church.

## THE LIMESTONE INDUSTRY

THE superior quality of the large product annually yielded by the numerous limestone quarries operated in Decatur county has distinguished this section of the State in the commercial world. The great reputation of this stone has been fairly won in competition with like products from other portions of the country, and its excellence and great durability has been abundantly attested by use in some of the finest blocks of palatial buildings in Cincinnati, Indianapolis and many of the large cities of the country. It is found practicable for use not only in the best and most substantial edifices but in all the varied forms of utility which has been found adaptable to stone. This includes jail buildings, paving flags, block and bridge stone, cut stone, curb, gutter, superior rubble, etc. At the World's Fair exhibition the stone was awarded the first prize, and thereby gained the highest distinction.

The development of the stone industry in Decatur county has attracted a great deal of attention and induced the investment of much capital. The methods employed to operate the quarries have been constantly improved upon, until now the successful quarry has its own locomotive and railroad track and the latest improved labor-saving machinery to facilitate operations and reduce to the minimum cost the expense of taking the stone from its original deposit and placing it in the avenues of commerce. It is only a few years ago when the drilling was conducted by gangs of men arranged in line like files of soldiers, but the genius of man has supplanted this primitive method with machinery which performs this labor much better and more expeditiously. The Souvenir presents upon the opposite page a

photographic view of one of the most extensively conducted quarries in the county. It is located near the small town of Westport, and at present gives employment to about seventy-five workmen, though its capacity is large enough to increase this force two or three times over. It is well worth a careful study and a personal visit to and more thorough inspection of the grounds would well repay the student of geology or the person of a more practical turn of mind for their trouble. It is the property of The Hollensbe Stone Company, with general office at Greensburg—John J. Puttmann, president; F. D. Armstrong, vice-president; Edward Kessing, secretary and treasurer, and R. J. Hollensbe, general manager. Besides their own locomotive and about three miles of railroad track they own a car which they utilize upon the ground for office purposes, and are in telephonic communication with their office in Greensburg. This quarry has supplied stone for the fine government building at Cincinnati, for the jail at Sullivan, Ind., an especially strong and massive structure, for the court house at Evansville, Ind., and the court house of Bryan, Tex. The walls of the State capitol building at Indianapolis, Ind., contain some of this fine stone, and many of the fine structures at St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Nashville, and others “too numerous to mention,” give testimony of the superior grade of stone shipped from this quarry. Mr. Kessing, who is secretary of the Greensburg Commercial Club, will at any time cheerfully furnish additional information concerning the stone industry of Decatur county, if requested, by mail or otherwise. He is in possession of many interesting details respecting it.





LIMESTONE QUARRY OF THE HOLLENSBE STONE COMPANY



CHARLES F. BELSER

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"Mine host" of the popular Hotel De Armond, is also official court reporter of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Indiana. He was born upon a farm three miles southeast of Greensburg, May 4, 1862. While receiving a common school education he applied himself assiduously and unaided in the seclusion of his farm home to the intricacies of shorthand writing, and mastered the art so well that at the age of eighteen he was doing court work,

and at nineteen years of age was appointed official court reporter, and has held the position continuously since. He took charge of the Hotel De Armond on July 15, 1891, and has made it a favorite with the traveling public. For a number of years Mr. Charles Belser has been in great demand as an expert stenographer, and he has made a specialty of important murder trials. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias Order.

### JAMES E. CASKEY

Born at Richland, Rush county, Ind., May 12, 1853. His parents removed to Decatur county in 1860, and settled in Greensburg in 1863. Mr. Caskey obtained a common school education, and in 1871 was appointed deputy auditor of the county, serving with ability for the term of four years. For several years past he has been a traveling

representative of the Indianapolis Journal Job Printing Company, and at home has been an active, public spirited citizen. In 1890 he was elected trustee of Washington township, and still occupies that responsible position. In 1892 and 1893 he was president of the State Trustees' Association, and is now chairman of the executive board, and is also vice-president and a member of the executive committee of the State Board of Charities Organization. He is on his second term as chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. He is a member of the Masonic and K. of P. orders, also of the Sons of Humility and Jolly Haymakers.

### HARRY LATHROP

Is active and prominent among the liberal, public-spirited young men of the city. He was born in Greensburg, June 20, 1863, and is a son of Jas. B. Lathrop, a 70-year old pioneer of Southern Indiana. Young Lathrop graduated in the High School class of 1880, and two years thereafter attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. He then engaged in various business enterprises, spending the greater part of 1885 and 1886 in Denver, Colo., and for thirteen months was a salesman in Kansas for the Greensburg Woolen Co., whose mill now lies in ashes. Mr. Lathrop has always been energetic and progressive in character. He belongs to the Masonic Order.



JAMES E. CASKEY



HARRY LATHROP





GEO. B. STOCKMAN



HARRY M. STOCKMAN



H. C. STOCKMAN

## THE STOCKMAN FAMILY

**H. C. STOCKMAN**—A respected and influential citizen of Greensburg for forty-one years, dating from September 3, 1853, was born in Lawrenceburg, Ind., July 19, 1833. From early manhood he has been actively and energetically engaged in the busy affairs of life. When he came to this city the Big Four railroad was being constructed. He went into the grain business, which he has continued to this day without interrup-



RESIDENCE AND THE WAREHOUSE AND ELEVATOR OF H. C. STOCKMAN



tion, and in 1856 built the warehouse now adjoining his large elevator, erected in 1893. He was county treasurer from August, 1877, to August, 1881. In 1856 he married the youngest daughter of S. A. Bryan, an honored member of the legal fraternity, and a popular 'squire for thirty years or more. A number of children have blessed this happy union and Mr. and Mrs. Stockman, surrounded by their children and grandchildren, and living in a very delightful home, are entering most propitiously into that golden sunset of life which closes a prosperous and honorable career.

**GEORGE B. STOCKMAN**—The eldest son of H. C. Stockman, was born in Greensburg, February 12, 1859, and he has always made this city his home. After a public school education he went into business with his father, and by close and faithful attention to the many details has contributed materially to the success which has rewarded their joint efforts. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

**HARRY M. STOCKMAN**—Youngest son of H. C. Stockman, was born in Greensburg, March 4, 1864, and received his education in the public schools. He served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, beginning in the office of the old Decatur *Democrat*, and followed it for some years, working in Des Moines, Ia., and many other places in the Western States. After this experience he returned to his native city and settled down. Since 1887 he has been in charge of his father's grain elevator. He is a Master Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

The photograph of residence, from which the engraving on preceding page is a faithful reproduction, was taken at a time when several members of the Stockman family were present. The warehouse and elevator was taken by the artist while teams were standing, ready to deliver their loads of grain. It was from the top left window that a bird's-eye view of the city was obtained.



DR. C. C. BURNS' BLOCK

## WILL CUMBACK

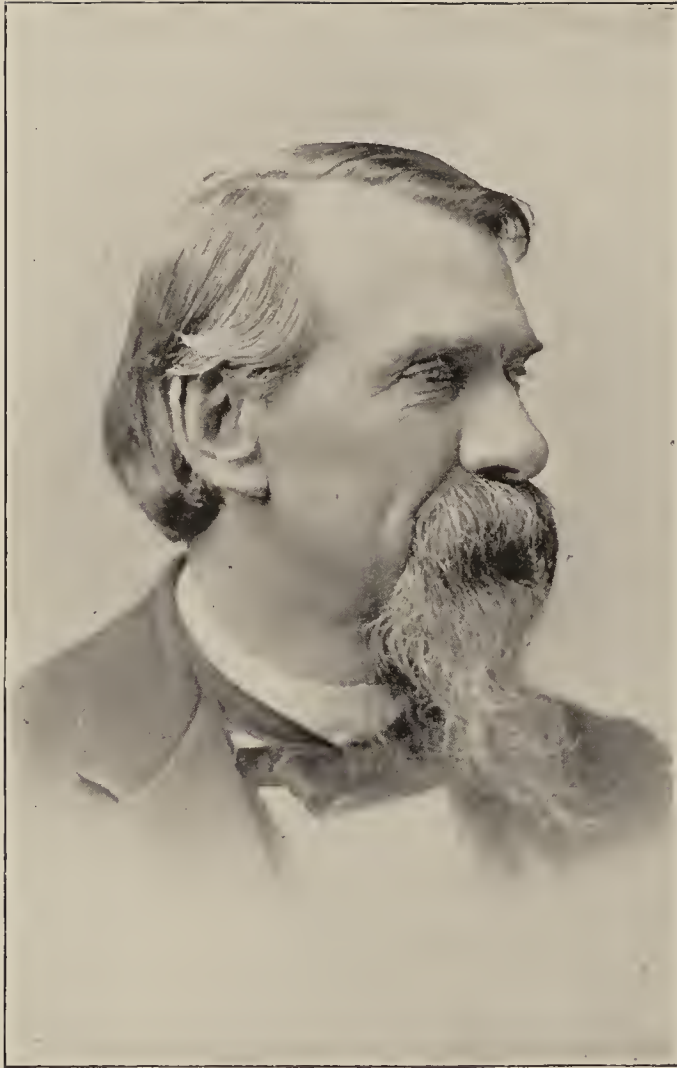
AMONG the many good and true men who have lived in Greensburg and achieved honors and distinction by their learning, ability and force of character, Will Cumback stands pre-eminent as a man whose reputation is national in its extent. Here among his life-long friends and neighbors he associates with perfect ease and abandon. His manner is entirely free from any supercilious air, and from that haughtiness of personal bearing, as well, which marks the conceited individual of self-conscious "greatness." To all of Greensburg people, the proudest as well as the humblest, he is the same genial, companionable Will Cumback of forty years ago, despite the ravages of time which have silvered his hair and drawn here and there a wrinkled line upon his pleasant countenance. A correspondent of the *Chicago Record* recently contributed to that paper a sketch of the governor so true and faithful to the life and characteristics of the man, that it is here reproduced, in greater part, for the readers of this Souvenir:

"Lieut.-Gov. William Cumback, or Will Cumback, as he is generally known, is a native-born Hoosier of Scotch and German ancestry, which fact alone is significant of stubborn honor and sturdy patriotism. When a mere boy he was thrown upon his own resources, thus furnishing another example of a self-made man. By his own youthful integrity and perseverance he secured a partial college education. He taught school and studied for a profession at the same time, completing his education at a law school in Cincinnati.

"In 1851 he was married to Miss Martha Hurlburt, a graduate of

Wesleyan Female College. She is a lady of rare attainments, whose life has been a perpetual inspiration to her husband. Two years later young Cumback opened a law office and began the practice of his chosen profession at Greensburg, Ind., where he has resided almost continuously ever since. At that time he was a rank, unsparing democrat, and remained so until that party undertook to repeal the Missouri compromise, when he left it and took the stump denouncing it in that vigorous style of oratory of which he has always been such a consummate master.

"In 1854, when barely 25 years old, Cumback was unanimously nominated for congress and defeated Holman in his first race. Being the youngest member in the house, Cumback was an object of considerable interest and easily made the acquaintance of the many great men then in public life. He was on intimate social relations, at that period, with Sam Houston, of Texas, and W. H. Seward and Horace Greeley, of New York. He also knew Sumner, Chase, Crittenden and other distinguished leaders. When he first entered congress Cumback took an active part in the election of Nathaniel P. Banks as speaker of the house, that being the first victory scored by the anti-slave power in the country. In 1856 Cumback was unanimously renominated for his seat in congress, but the importation of over 1,000 Kentuckians into the district defeated him on that occasion. In 1860 Cumback was selected as a candidate for presidential elector, and being at the head of the ticket, he cast the first republican vote Indiana ever gave. It was for Abraham Lincoln, and Lieut.-Gov. Cumback regards that as the greatest honor of his life. In 1861 he



WILL CUMBACK

enlisted at the first tap of the drum, as a private, in the 7th Indiana volunteers. He went into camp, but shortly afterward received from President Lincoln the appointment of paymaster in the United States army. It is stated on reliable authority that during the war he paid out \$60,000,000, and so accurate had he been in the management of the business, that, at the end of the rebellion, he settled up his accounts in three days; the books were balanced, too, without the loss of a cent to the government. Secretary Stanton declared that he was the most efficient officer in that department, and gave him a brevet for faithful services, offering him finally a life-position in the army, which was declined.

"During his life at Washington Gov. Cumback was a frequent caller at the white house, and, having a wonderful knack for story-telling, he was of course a welcome visitor to the great emancipator during those memorable and melancholy days. The two made many exchanges of happy hits and illustrations of men and things at that time. On returning to his home in 1866, Cumback was immediately nominated in convention for state senator. He was elected and in 1867 was made president of the senate. In 1868 he was nominated and elected lieutenant-governor, along with Baker. In January, 1869, a United States senator was to be elected. There was a great strife for the position. Cumback was the youngest candidate, and out of the 76 votes cast in caucus he received 52 on the first ballot, which so exasperated some of the older politicians who expected the nomination that they organized a bolt and defeated him at the election by two votes.

"In 1870 President Grant, without any solicitation, sent Cumback's name to the senate as minister to Portugal. It was immediately confirmed, but the gentleman declined the honor. In 1871 the president ten-



dered him the office of internal revenue collector for his home district, which he accepted and held for over twelve years. He collected during that period over \$37,000,000 without the loss of a penny to the government by either mistake or fraud. Soon after his retirement from office, Cumback went on the lecture platform, and has been in almost every state and territory in the union, having had more engagements than he could fill. Among public entertainers there is hardly a more familiar name

in the West than that of Will Cumback. His lectures embrace a great variety of subjects, the most popular, perhaps, being one on 'The Invisible Some People,' and he has recently collected his lectures and published them in handsome book form, under the title of 'Society and Life.' For forty years Governor Cumback has enjoyed the best of health and has thus been enabled to compass a vast amount of hard intellectual work. He is very approachable and has an engaging appearance."



RESIDENCE OF WILL CUMBACK

### ROBERT NAEGEL

Was born June 6, 1854, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and lived in that city till he was twenty years of age. After receiving a common school education, he learned the trade of tinsmith, and later that of gas fitting and plumbing. He came to Greensburg Sept. 13, 1874, and for seven years was collector of the company and superintendent of the gas works. He established himself in his present business of hardware, gas fitting and plumbing in 1884, and has won success by good business pluck and sagacity, erecting a fine two-story building for his store in 1893. He is a past grand of the Odd Fellows' Order and a member of the K. of P. Lodge.



ROBERT NAEGEL

# THE BENCH AND BAR

BY JUDGE W. A. MOORE

AT THE organization of the counties in Southern Indiana, and for some years following, the local bars had few members, but were usually made up of men of great force. In those days lawyers "rode the circuit." There were two terms a year of the circuit court, and when the presiding judge started on his rounds, the lawyers followed, and took such business as came to them on the circuit. Oliver H. Smith, afterwards a distinguished United States Senator from this state, John and Charles H. Test appeared in our courts in those early days. The first local lawyer here, who had any prominence, was James T. Brown, very eccentric and a great wag, but a strong lawyer and a man of ability. He remained here a good many years, then located at Lawrenceburg, where he practiced his profession to a good old age, and died soon after the war. He was a bachelor. His fund of anecdote, his jokes and drollery, made him an interesting character among lawyers anywhere.

Andrew Davison came next, from Pennsylvania. He was sedate, and quiet in his manners, the very opposite of Brown, who took great delight in pursuing him with a good-humored, teasing sort of raillery. Davison was a learned, technical lawyer. As a pleader, in the professional sense, it is said he never has had a superior at this bar. His pleadings were models of brevity and directness, never an extra word, never a word lacking, and there was a neatness about them that would shame a present-day lawyer. He was elected a member of the supreme court in 1852, and again in 1858. He retired from the bench in 1864 and never

resumed the practice. He took high rank as a jurist. He died in 1873. The only surviving member of his family is Joseph R. Davison, of this city. There was also Martin Jamison, Jr., "who had studied under Brown," writes Orville Thomson, "was admitted to the bar in April, 1827, and very soon had a place alongside of the older members. He was a close reasoner and vigorous, forceful speaker, whether at the bar or on the hustings. He served in the lower branch of the state legislature at the sessions of 1838 and 1839, and while there contracted a cold that settled on his lungs and terminated in his death a few months later."

After Davison, Joseph Robinson began the practice here. He was witty and good humored, and after Brown left, was the life of the bar, in so far as his good nature and fun could give it life. He was not a well-read lawyer, like Davison, but his superior as an advocate. Davison worried him cruelly with his motions, demurrers and special pleadings, for Robinson was lax for want of thorough study and training. But, with the issues made, and the case before the jury, the fun began with Robinson. He ran for Congress as a Whig, against Joseph L. Robinson, in the late forties, but was defeated. His son, Joseph Robinson, began the practice here with him, but in a few years located at Peru, this state. The late Milton S. Robinson, of Anderson, Ind., several times elected to Congress from that district, was his son. He has been dead many years.

John D. Haynes was a native of New York, who, even before it was given, acted upon Horace Greeley's advice, "Go West, young man, and



grow up with the country." He here completed a previously begun course of study, in the office of Judge Davison, and was admitted to the bar in 1839. He was the junior of the law firm of Robinson & Haynes until 1843, when he removed to Aurora, and was for years junior of the law firm of Holman & Haynes. He also served a term as common pleas judge of Dearborn and Ohio counties.



THE TWICE SEVEN CLUB

Philander Hamilton and Henry S. Christian located here about 1843. Hamilton was a son of James E. Hamilton, late of this county, and gave promise of a brilliant career, but died young, and before he attained the position at the bar his ability would have given him if his life had been spared. Christian was a good lawyer, and after a few years' practice here located at Versailles, where he died many years ago. He was

the father of John H. Christian and Mrs. J. P. Long, of this city. Barton W. Wilson, James Gavin and Oscar B. Hord came next and in the order named. Wilson was a well educated man and well-read lawyer. He came here from Kentucky. He took a leading position at the bar, and was in full practice to the time of his death, in 1880. He was never unduly belligerent, was always courteous to members of the profession, and the memory of no departed member of the bar here is more revered than that of Barton W. Wilson. Warren B. Wilson, of Chicago, and Davison Wilson, of this city, both lawyers, are his sons. Gavin located here when barely twenty-one years of age, but his brightness, and unbounded energy soon won for him a good practice. He was a fine lawyer and an unusually good practitioner. He and Oscar B. Hord prepared and published an edition of the Indiana statutes, with full annotations, a work greatly appreciated by the profession in this state. He died in 1873, at the early age of forty-three years. His son, Frank E. Gavin, is a member of the appellate court of this state. Hord came from Kentucky, and from a family of lawyers. He was quite young when he located here and rather diffident, but the



time not taken up by clients was devoted to study, and he became one of the most thorough of the lawyers here, and later on, of the state. He was elected attorney-general in 1862, removed to Indianapolis, and after his term of office expired, went into the firm of Hendricks, Hord & Hendricks, a leading law firm of the state. He died several years ago.

Cortez Ewing, Sr., was a native of this county, and began the practice in 1860. He was deputy clerk for many years, which familiarized him with forms, and he was a painstaking, all-around good lawyer, and enjoyed a lucrative practice. In his later life he gave up the law to accept a position as cashier of the Third National Bank of this city, at its organization, and no little of the success of that institution is due to his large acquaintance and the good will and confidence of all classes of people. He died in 1887. His genial manners gave brightness to the court room, and his name and pleasant ways will long be remembered by his associates of the bar.



## THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

**Judge JOHN D. MILLER**—Was born December 2, 1840, near Clarksburg, Decatur county, Indiana—entered Hanover College in September, 1859, but left college and enlisted in Company G, Seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteers, September 12, 1861. After serving three years and eight days as a private soldier was discharged September 20, 1864. Studied law with Overstreet & Hunter, Franklin, Ind., and was admitted to practice law April, 1866. Located in Greensburg in the spring of 1866, and has been engaged in the practice of law, with a brief interruption, ever since. Was married to Miss Mary J. Stevens, September 21, 1869. In

1872 was elected as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives for the district composed of Decatur and Rush counties. Has held the office of city attorney and member of the common council a number of times. Was appointed one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Indiana February 25, 1891, to fill a vacancy, and served till January, 1893. Was the candidate of the Republican party for judge of the supreme court at the election held in November, 1892, but suffered defeat. After the expiration of his term on the supreme bench he resumed the practice of law at Greensburg, and was elected this fall judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Indiana.

**Judge SAM'L A. BONNER**—In the spring of 1836 Judge Bonner's parents came to this county from Wilcox county, Alabama, where he was born on a plantation, December 5, 1826. His father abhorred slavery and came here to rear and educate his children away from its baneful influences. Judge Bonner was educated in Richland (Rush county) Academy, Miami University, Oxford, O., and Center College, Danville, Ky., graduating from the last-named institution, class of 1849. He began his law studies the same year in the office of Judge Andrew Dairson, and graduated from the Bloomington (Ind.) Law School in 1852. He began practice in Greensburg soon after with Barton W. Wilson. He was elected to the legislature in 1854 and in 1856 was chosen common pleas judge for the district of Rush and Decatur counties, serving one term of four years. In 1860 he formed a partnership in law practice with Hon. Will Cumback, which continued till the latter retired. In 1877 Judge Bonner was called by election to the bench of the circuit court, where he presided twelve years, gladly releasing himself from its arduous duties. He then became senior member of the law firm of Bonner, Tackett & Bennett. He has been a



THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND THE MATRON, MISS S. M. BONFOY



## GOOD OLD PIONEER DAYS—1820 TO 1852

BY ORVILLE THOMSON

MY RECOLLECTIONS of the town, "now city," of Greensburg, go back, with very considerable distinctness, to the fall of 1832, when my father, who had been a resident of the county, four miles northeast of here, since the spring of 1823, moved his family into the town. For some three years previous to that I had made occasional visits to the town—these occasions generally being on the days of "general muster" and of the August election, each of these being momentous events in the dull life of a backwoods boy; and as the panorama of the past now glides before my mental vision, many of its most gorgeous pictures are of scenes connected with those days.

The most impressive of these scenes (even more so than the great piles of old-fashioned ginger bread and the barrels of sweet cider—your fill for a "fip"—6¼ cents), was the grand review of the militia by Col. William W. Pierce and his staff, Lieut.-Col. George S. McCoy and Maj. Hamilton Antrobus, as they passed up and down the lines. The colonel himself, togged out in his gay regimentals, a plume of white and red feathers streaming back over his cocked-hat, and, mounted on his high-bred roan charger, filled, to my inexperienced eye, the full acme of human aspiration. I have since seen McClellan, Hooker, Meade, Sickles and others, including Hancock, "the magnificent," but neither of these inspired in me that feeling of awe and veneration that did this militia colonel. He had been a soldier in the war of 1812-'14, under Jackson, I believe, and what he *thought he knew* about military tactics would fill

several ponderous volumes. Lieut.-Col. McCoy was a wagon maker, whose shop was on the site of the Elder livery stable. He, too, had been a soldier, but was a plain, unsophisticated man in his person and habits, whose dress and bearing did not inspire the enthusiasm in the young Hoosier that did that of his chief. And the major, full six-foot-two, as he stood in his stocking-feet, straight as a gun-barrel, built from the ground up, and neither fat nor lean, the popular verdict was that Hamilton Antrobus and his young bride, Miss Elizabeth Donnell, was the handsomest couple ever then married in this or any of the surrounding counties; and there are elderly people now living who will insist that the same holds good to this day. It wasn't needed, with a colonel such as ours, that the major should be a military prodigy.

The county was organized, by authority of an act of the legislature of 1821, in May, 1822, and the county-seat located, by commissioners appointed under that act, on the 14th of June following. There were three localities contesting for the location: 1—The Watson Thomson farm, three miles northeast of here, offered by Richard J. Hall: 2—The tract now known as the "Turner Quarry," two miles south, by Joseph English: 3—The one chosen, sixty acres of which, lying north of Main street, was offered by Thomas Hendricks, and forty acres, directly south of the above, by John Walker, then residing at Shelbyville. Human nature was much the same then as it is now, and tradition says there were open charges of "bargain and sale" in connection with the transac-





# BENCH AND BAR

Marine D. Tackett  
Oscar G. Miller  
Myron C. Jenkins

Cortez Ewing

Judge Jas. K. Ewing  
Judge W. A. Moore  
Wm. H. Goddard

Judge John D. Miller  
Judge Frank E. Gavin

Judge S. A. Bouner  
Col. John S. Scobey  
John F. Goddard

B. F. Bennett

D. A. Myers  
Samuel B. Eward  
C. F. Belser, Court Reporter

member of the Presbyterian Church thirty-five years and an elder of the Greensburg church thirty years or more.

**Judge JAMES K. EWING**—Late judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Indiana, was born in Decatur county, on the 26th day of November, 1843. He was admitted to the bar at the November term in 1867, having previously studied law with his brother, Cortez Ewing, now deceased, forming a partnership with him in the profession, and continuing with him as junior member of the well-known firm of C. & J. K. Ewing until 1883, when the senior member retired from practice. Cortez Ewing, Jr., then a minor, succeeded to the partnership and the firm name became Ewing & Ewing. This continued until January 17, 1893, when Governor Matthews appointed the senior member to fill the vacancy on the bench occasioned by the death of Hon. John W. Study. Judge Ewing was a member of the Indiana delegation to the national Democratic convention at St. Louis in 1888, and was a candidate for Congress the same year.

**Judge W. A. MOORE**—Dates his advent to Greensburg in December, 1859. He was born on a farm in Franklin county, Indiana, August 16, 1838, and was raised and educated there. He became a law student in the office of Judge Bonner, January 1, 1864, and was admitted to practice two years later. He was elected to the lower house of the Indiana Legislature in 1866, and in 1876 was chosen to the state senate as a Republican. In 1870 he was elected as common pleas judge and held that honorable position until the court was abolished in 1873. He then returned to active practice, in which he is at present engaged.

**Judge FRANK E. GAVIN**—Son of the late James Gavin, a former leading member of the Greensburg bar, was born in this city, February 20, 1854. He entered Harvard College in the fall of 1869, and graduated from

that noted institution of learning in the class of 1873. He then began the study of law in the office of Judge John D. Miller, and was admitted to the bar February 19, 1875, the day before arriving at the age of majority. During his successful professional career he served as county attorney two or three years, and in 1892 was elected judge of the Appellate Court for the second district, which position he now occupies. In the fall of 1876 he married Ella B. Lathrop and three children now grace the family circle. Judge Gavin is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity of the state. He is grand Master of the Indiana order, A. F. and A. M., a member of the Indianapolis Consistory, thirty-second degree Masons, and a member of Murat Temple, Mystic Shriners.

**Col. JNO. S. SCOBEE**—It was just fifty years ago in September, 1844, when Col. Scobey, a young attorney who had obtained license to practice law the month before, settled down in the profession at Greensburg. He was born on a farm in Hamilton county, Ohio, December 2, 1818, and was twenty-two years old before leaving the homestead of his parents, who, in the meantime, had settled upon a farm near Mt. Carmel, Franklin county, Indiana. In September, 1841, he entered Miami University, Oxford, O., as a Freshman, and at the end of his Sophomore year began the study of law in the office of Governor Bebb at Hamilton, O., going from there to the law office of Matson & Howland, Brookville, Ind., in the fall of 1843, and coming to Greensburg one year later, where he has continued to reside. He was admitted to the bar of the state supreme court in 1847, at a time when that honor was obtained less easily than now. He was state senator in 1852, and was a candidate on the Scott electoral ticket the same year. He recruited Company A, of the Sixty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was elected its captain, being successively



promoted to major of the regiment, lieutenant-colonel and then to the chief command when Col. King was killed at Chicamauga. He was on the Greeley electoral ticket in 1872, and in the Tilden-Hendricks campaign of 1876 was elector at large. He has been three times married; to his present wife, Mrs. Mary A. Watt, December 30, 1879. He is a K. T. Mason, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is at present a Prohibitionist.

**D. A. MYERS**—Late prosecuting attorney of the Eighth Judicial Cir-



RESIDENCE OF HENRY KAMMERLING

cuit of Indiana, was born in the city of Logansport, and is a graduate of Smithson College and the Albany (N. Y.) Law School. He located in Greensburg in 1881, and has been in constant law practice since. He was elected on the Republican ticket as prosecuting attorney for this district in 1890, and again in 1892. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Mystic Shriner and a member of the Odd Fellows and K. of P. orders.

**CORTEZ EWING**—Was born on a Decatur county farm, in Clay township, September 14, 1862, where he spent the early days of his life. After an education acquired in the public schools, he began reading law in the office of his two uncles, C. and J. K. Ewing, and on February 14, 1883, seven months before the age of majority, was admitted, *ex-gracia*, to the bar, by Hon. S. A. Bonner, then judge of the Decatur County Circuit Court. He has ever since devoted himself assiduously to his chosen profession. He was a Democratic member of the state senate from 1889 to 1893, and in 1891 was appointed by Governor Hovey to the Indiana Board of World's Fair Managers, and served during its existence, being author of the law which created that commission. On June 18, 1890, he was married to Mary Fletcher Matthews, daughter of the Hon. Claude Matthews, present governor of Indiana.

**MARINE D. TACKETT**—Is a native of Decatur county, born on a farm three and a half miles east of Greensburg, October 26, 1841, taking up his residence in the city ten years later. After a public school education, he learned the trade of cabinet-maker, and went out August 21, 1861, in the Third Indiana Artillery. He was under General Fremont in Missouri two years, then south to Vicksburg, and took part in General Banks' disastrous Red river campaign. He was afterwards in General Sherman's command, and was mustered out at the end of three years'



honorable service. When celebrating at home Governor Morton's election, he lost his right arm by the premature discharge of a cannon. He was postmaster three years under Andy Johnson, took up the study of law in Gavin & Miller's office and was admitted to practice in April, 1875, becoming a member of the Bonner, Tackett & Bennett law firm in 1889. He became prosecuting attorney of the Eighth Judicial Circuit by appointment of Governor Porter in 1881, and was elected to the same position on the Republican ticket in 1882 and 1884. He was a member of the Republican State Central Committee four years and a delegate to the national convention of his party at Chicago, in 1888, declining a nomination for congressman the same year. In 1891 he was chief allotting agent of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, in the Indian Territory, and in the recent election was the successful Republican candidate for clerk of the Decatur County Circuit Court. He belongs to the K. of P. and G. A. R.

**B. F. BENNETT**—Of the law firm of Bonner, Tackett & Bennett, was born on a farm near Adams, Decatur county, March 31, 1854. After a common school education, he entered the Indiana State University, in 1873, and graduated in the class of 1877, delivering the class valedictory. He began reading law with Barton W. Wilson, deceased, and completed these preparatory studies with Judge Moore. He commenced practice in 1880, first in partnership with Judge Moore and then with M. D. Tackett, as deputy prosecutor, forming his present connection in 1887. He was city attorney for five years, and is the present county attorney.

**OSCAR G. MILLER**—One of the youngest members of the Greensburg bar, was born on a farm in Rush county, Ind., where he spent his early boyhood days. He came to this city in 1882, taught school three years, and studying law meantime, was admitted to practice in 1888, but,

deciding to better equip himself for the duties of life, he entered De Pauw University, and graduated from that excellent institution of learning in 1891. Resuming the study of law under Judge Moore, of this city, he is actively engaged in the practice of his profession as junior member of the law firm of Moore & Miller. He is a Past Chancellor in the honored order of Knights of Pythias.

**MYRON C. JENKINS**—Was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 10, 1859. His parents came to Decatur county, Ind., in 1860, and settled on a farm nine miles east of Greensburg. After receiving a common school education he entered the National Normal University, of Lebanon, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1880. After teaching school two years, he entered the Cincinnati Law College, graduating in the class of 1884. He has been a member of the Greensburg bar since September 28, 1885. Mr. Jenkins is of the law firm of Jenkins & Parker, and following the recent election of George W. Young, of Rushville, prosecuting attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, was appointed deputy prosecutor for Decatur county.

**SAMUEL B. EWARD**—Was born November 29, 1852, four miles west of Greensburg, on a farm. Entered Commercial College at Indianapolis, and graduated in 1871. He then entered Butler University and attended two years, when he commenced reading law in Bonner & Bracken's office, and was admitted to practice in 1875. He was elected mayor of Greensburg in 1883, serving one term, and has been in the practice of the law since. He is a Knight of Pythias.

**WILLIAM H. GODDARD**—Was born on a farm in Clinton township, Decatur county, Ind., February 22, 1837, and educated in the common schools of that township. He taught school in 1858, and for three

succeeding years. Was appointed to a position in the Interior Department in 1861, subsequently transferred to the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., which position he held until 1876; returning to Greensburg that year, where he has since resided. He studied law at Georgetown College, Georgetown, D. C., receiving, in 1872, the degree of B. L. from the law department of that institution. Was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the District of Columbia during the year 1872, and subsequently, in 1876, to the Decatur county bar. While in Washington, he

became acquainted with many of the prominent men of the nation and shared their confidence, among whom was the late James G. Blaine, at whose request he was appointed assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, at St. Louis, June, 1881. He is now the Greensburg correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette* and Indianapolis *Journal*.

**JOHN F. GODDARD**—Was born October 22, 1858, in Clay township, Decatur county. Educated at the common schools of Decatur county, Moore's Hill College and Indiana University, receiving in 1880 the degree of B. A. from the last named institution. Studied law with W. H. Goddard and admitted to the bar in 1891.

**C. F. BELSER**—Official court reporter. See biographical sketch elsewhere in this Souvenir.



## IN THE NEWSPAPER FIELD

**J. J. HAZELRIGG**—Is of a family of druggists and newspaper men, and his life has been spent in these two branches of business. He was born on a farm, one mile southwest of Greensburg, October 24, 1839, and, after a common school education, entered Laurel Academy and graduated from that institution in the class of 1855. During his early life he alternated between the drug store and printing office, but in the fall of 1856 engaged in the publication of the Decatur *Republican*, and, with the exception of two intervals of five years each, has been an editor and publisher ever since. The name of the paper was changed to the *Chronicle*, and in 1868 to the *Standard*, which it still remains, Mr. Hazelrigg retiring on October 1, 1894. He was postmaster four years under Lincoln's first administration, and was in the revenue service thirteen years. He has been a member of the Christian Church about thirty-five years, and belongs to the G. A. R.



A JOURNALISTIC GROUP

The present and former Editors of the Standard

Luther D. Braden  
Frank C. Hazelrigg

J. J. Hazelrigg

Noah T. Rogers  
Dix D. Hazelrigg

**FRANK C. HAZELRIGG**—Late editor of the *Standard*, was born in Greensburg, January 13, 1864, and has spent his entire life here with the exception of about three years' residence in Hamilton county, Ohio. He went through the whole course of the city schools and graduated from the High School with class honors (salutatory) in 1881. Going at once into the *Standard* office as business manager and one of the editors, he continued uninterruptedly in that service until his retirement, by sale of the office, October 1, 1894, and is now associated with his father and brother in the drug business. For the past six years he has been superintendent of the Christian Sunday-School.

**DIX D. HAZELRIGG**—Was born August 31, 1866, in the city of Greensburg. He was educated in the public schools and in 1882 began working as compositor in the *Standard* office, and later serving in the capacity of solicitor, local and editorial writer. When the office changed hands, October 1, 1894, he relinquished newspaper work and entered the drug business.

**LUTHER D. BRADEN**—Who succeeded to the editorship of the *Standard*, October 1, 1894, was born and raised on a farm in Clay township, Decatur county. He was educated in the public schools, Hartsville University and the Northern Indiana Normal School, at Valparaiso. He was a professional school teacher nine years thereafter, two years of which time was as principal of the St. Paul (Ind.) schools, and served one term as county school superintendent. In 1891 he became a member of the wholesale grocery firm of J. C. Pulse & Co., from which he retired October 1, 1894, having purchased the *Standard* office.

**NOAH T. ROGERS**—Associate editor of the *Standard*, was born in Jerseyville, Ill., July 12, 1857. He went to Franklin, Ind., when six

years old and was educated there, graduating from Franklin Academy in the class of 1877. He began the printing art in the office of the *Jeffersonian* in Franklin, working nights and mornings while assiduously continuing his studies in school. He rose by close attention to his duties from office boy to foreman and then to the editorial tripod, continuing on the paper for fifteen years. He went to Little Rock, Ark., in 1889 and took the foremanship of the *Arkansas Baptist*. He returned to Indiana in 1892 and until becoming associate editor of the *Standard* was foreman of the *New Era* office in Greensburg.

**ALLEN W. CLARK**—Present publisher and editor of the *New Era* and *Daily Graphic*, was born near Topeka, Kan., December 28, 1868. He is the son of a Baptist minister, and was therefore "raised" over a wide expanse of country, embracing more particularly the states of Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas, Virginia and Tennessee. His first actual connection with practical newspaper work was in 1888, as editor of the Chico (Cal.) *Chronicle-Record*, one of the oldest morning papers on the Pacific coast. Dennis Kearney and the "heathen Chinese" made things hot and bitter, and Mr. Clark was glad to retire from the field, returning to Arkansas, where he became business manager of the *Arkansas Baptist*, which he found with 2,800 subscribers and left with 8,000. He later sold a half interest to his father, Rev. W. A. Clark, D. D., well known in Indiana, having been pastor at Valparaiso and Elkhart, and connected with the state mission work of his denomination, and two



ALLEN W. CLARK



years later ill health, caused by overwork, necessitated a change and he sold out to his father and became secretary and treasurer of the Arkansas Democrat Company, Little Rock, the largest house of that character between St. Louis and Galveston. At the end of one year he was "froze out" by the chief stockholder's son, and coming to South Bend, Ind., with Wm. H. Burke, of the *Review of Reviews*, now editorial writer on the *Chicago Times*, undertook to fill a "long-felt want" for a morning newspaper in that city. The *Morning Post* was launched upon the treacherous sea of journalism, but the experience is now only a memory, made dear by the capacious maw and insatiable thirst of the concern for more money than it earned. A new search was instituted for a good newspaper in a good town, and Mr. Clark fortunately found both here, and bought the *New Era* of James E. Mendenhall, in 1892. The *New Era*, now in its thirtieth volume, is recognized as one of the leading Democratic papers of the Fourth Congressional District, and by its news enterprise and editorial ability has become a valuable property. The *Daily Graphic* is the "daily edition of the *New Era*, politics eliminated." In 1889, Mr. Clark married Miss Florence Shuh, whom he met at College, and a son and daughter have blessed the union. Mr. Clark is a member of the orders Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in the Uniform Rank, K. of P., he holds a commission as major.

**THE REVIEW**—The accompanying cut represents the Montgomery building, on East Main street, in which is located the *Saturday Review* office. The *Review* was established in 1879, by Robert W. Montgomery, who secured the able services of George H. McKee, as editor. Mr. Montgomery gave much of his time during these days of initial work, to building up a subscription list, which, at the end of the first six months, had reached the encouraging number of 1,700 actual paid subscribers. This list to-day contains almost all the charter subscribers now living, and to it has continued to be added new names. The paper is now published by Montgomery & Willoughby, under healthy, growing circumstances.

**THE DAILY NEWS**—On the first day of January, 1894, the *Daily News* was started by Frank Trimble and Ed Line. The latter retired May 1, 1894, and Mr. Trimble has continued the enterprise with considerable success. The circulation of the *News* has steadily increased, and stands well in popular regard.



THE MONTGOMERY BUILDING

## GREENSBURG DRUGGISTS

**M. GROVER**—At the head of the drug house of Grover, Hazelrigg & Bonner, was born in Union county, Indiana, on a farm September 7, 1830, and came to Greensburg in 1839. His life has been spent principally in the mercantile business and his years bear lightly upon him. He was first in the dry goods trade under J. F. Stevens, a well known citizen in his day, and, after ten years' service as clerk, became a partner in the business. When the war broke out in 1861 Mr. Grover became a clerk in the paymaster's department under Hon. Will Cumback, and was appointed a paymaster in 1863, with headquarters at Cincinnati. He was mustered out in 1866 and engaged here in the hardware business. In 1870 he was under Will Cumback again in the revenue service, but two years later established his present business. He belongs to the Masonic order.

**DYAR C. HAZELRIGG**—Was born in Greensburg, December 18, 1866, and was reared and educated here, graduating in the High School Class of 1885. He began the drug business with Talbott & Moss November 1, 1885, and three years later entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, graduating March 1, 1890. Entering the employment of M. Grover as clerk he became a one-third proprietor of the store in 1892. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias order.

**SAMUEL A. BONNER, Jr.**—Was born at Spring Hill, Decatur county, October 30, 1869. He came with his parents to Greensburg in March, 1872, and was raised here and educated in our public schools. June 1, 1886, he began the drug business as clerk under M. Grover and was admitted to the firm with one-third interest October 1, 1893.

**JOHN H. BATTERTON**—Senior of the Batterton Bros., druggists, is a native of Greensburg, born February 17, 1853. Receiving his educa-

tion in our public schools, he entered the drug business under the tuition of W. H. Hazelrigg in 1867, continuing until 1876. He served the public as deputy county treasurer from 1877 to 1881 and then returned to the drug business in company with his brother, starting the temperance drug store. In 1889 they removed to Rushville, and, returning to Greensburg in April, 1893, established themselves in business here again, purchasing the Hasbrook drug store on the south side of the square.

**FRANK BATTERTON**—The junior of the Batterton Bros. drug firm, is also a native of this city and was born October 2, 1856. After the public schools he spent one year in the State University at Bloomington. He began the drug trade in 1876 and four years later formed partnership with his brother, with whom he has since been associated, as noted in the former's sketch. Frank is a member of the Masonic and K. of P. orders.

**J. LORRAINE WRIGHT**—Was born on a farm four miles south of Greensburg December 26, 1853. He was educated in the common schools and at Hartsville College, where he spent one year. In November, 1876, he entered as clerk the drug store of W. H. Hazelrigg. He followed the business four years at Rushville, where he studied chemistry under Dr. Ratcliff, spent one year at Indianapolis and for six years was a clerk for A. C. Hazelrigg. On August 1, 1892, he established his present business. He was elected and served two terms as city treasurer, from 1887 to 1891. He is an Odd Fellow, and, as a Knight of Pythias, has had all the honors of the local lodge, his membership in the Order having been for a longer period than that of any other Knight in the county. He has belonged to the Christian Church twenty-two years, serving as elder, Sunday-school superintendent, deacon and now as trustee. He was married April 8, 1886, to Miss Bessie Johnston.





#### GREENSBURG DRUGGISTS

Dyar C. Hazelrigg  
Frank Batterton  
A. H. Talbott

Marshall Grover  
J. Lorraine Wright  
Will J. Dobyms

S. A. Bonner, Jr.  
John H. Batterton  
J. S. Moss

**WILL J. DOBYNS**—Was born at Clarksburg, Ind., March 20, 1872. He came to Greensburg with his parents when four years of age, and was reared here and educated in the schools of this city. His career as a druggist began January 29, 1889, in the store of his father, who was associated with Steve Rogers. The elder Dobyms died three years ago, and by the purchase of Mr. Rogers' interest, April 12, 1894, by the widow, the firm became changed to Will J. Dobyms & Co., under the former's active management. It has always been conducted as a temperance drug store. Mr. Dobyms has for several years been prominent in Christian Endeavor work, being president of the local union and county organizer for Decatur county. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

**A. H. TALBOTT**—For nearly thirty years in the drug business of this city, the place of his nativity, was born May 26, 1837. After attending the public schools he became a clerk in the hardware store of Talbott & Sons, and remained there from 1861 to 1867. He then entered the drug trade, serving under J. H. Stuart, then T. & B. Hamilton, M. Grover and W. H. Hazelrigg, successively, forming a partnership in 1877 with Thos. Hendricks, who was later succeeded in the business by J. S. Moss. He has been in the same location for seventeen years and has always been closely wedded to his business affairs.



**JOSEPH S. MOSS**—Was born on a farm in Marion township, Decatur county, October 10, 1856, and when completing his early education, began as drug clerk under Grover & Stevens, December 22, 1873. In March, 1881, he formed his present business alliance with A. H. Talbott, with whom he has associated up to this time. He has also a partnership interest in a Chicago drug store with his brother, M. T. Moss, which has endured for more than three years past. He is a Mason and a K. of P.



### A MODEL ESTABLISHMENT

It may be said without disparagement to the numerous fine business houses of Greensburg that the store of Grover, Hazelrigg & Bonner, wholesale and retail dealers in drugs, books, wall paper, etc., an interior view of which is given on the opposite page, is unsurpassed in its arrangement and appointments. Indeed, there are few, if any, stores in southern Indiana that will bear favorable comparison. The main floor is covered with handsome tiling and extends back to the depth of one hundred feet. Besides this the business requires the use of a large part of the second story and basement. The store room proper is heated by furnace and lighted with arc and incandescent lamps. Near the entrance one of the largest and most beautiful soda fountains in the state excites admiration, while splendid showcases line both sides of the store. The perfect order and system which prevails may be noted in the handsome equipment of a Lamson rapid spring cash carrier, nickel-plated, which simplifies and facilitates all purchases. The fine Torsion balance scales used in the prescription department are sensitive to the one-sixty-fourth part of a grain and susceptible to the weight of a hair.



JOHN J. PUTTMANN

### JOHN J. PUTTMANN

Auditor of Decatur county, is a resident of Newpoint, where, by dint of his tireless industry, executive and business ability, he has carved his way to a success that few men of his years and opportunities ever achieve. He was born June 4, 1857, at Enochsburg, a small village just east of the Decatur county line, in the adjoining county of Franklin. His parents removed to a farm near Newpoint when the subject of this sketch was but three years of age. Here he was raised and educated in the common schools. In October, 1872, he began learning to telegraph in the railroad office at Newpoint. January 9, 1874, he was assigned to regular duty as an operator at North Bend, Ohio, and from there to Lebanon, Ind., where he remained until the following October, when he was promoted by the company and placed in full charge of the station at Newpoint, continuing in that capacity until he voluntarily tendered his resignation May 1, 1888. In the meantime his natural business sagacity enabled him to establish and successfully direct numerous enterprises. In the fall of 1878 he began buying and shipping grain, stock, produce, etc., and to deal in general merchandise, which he still continues. Turning his attention to the development of the large limestone deposits of that section in April, 1882, he has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations, and has two quarries in operation. He is president of the Hollensbe Stone Company at Westport, and is also president of the Puttmann-Moormann Manufacturing Company, which supplies the market with church and school furniture. Always public-



GROVER, HAZELRIGG & BONNER'S DRUG STORE—INTERIOR VIEW

spirited, he takes part in every movement calculated to advance the interests of his own neighborhood and county. Mr. Puttmann has had little time to serve the public in any official capacity. He was postmaster, however, for three years under Cleveland's first administration; elected township trustee in 1882 and re-elected in 1884, and carried the county as Democratic candidate for auditor in 1890. He is a K. of P.



ED KESSING

of the same city. He was called home in 1870 to take charge of his father's business, and in 1874 was elected county recorder on the Democratic ticket, turning a Republican majority of 135 in his own (Fugit) township to a majority of seventeen in his favor. He retired from office after a term of four years and in 1882 was defeated by only two votes in a contest for clerk of the circuit court. He then became engaged in the dry goods business for several years and was appointed to his present

### EDWARD KESSING

Widely known for his extensive business and social connections, was born March 13, 1854, in Franklin county, Ind. In 1859 his parents settled at St. Maurice, Decatur county, where his father conducted a mercantile business. After having received a common school education Mr. Kessing entered and graduated from St. Paul's Academy, Cincinnati, and became a student in St. Xavier's College

position in the auditor's office in 1891. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Hollensbe Limestone Company at Westport, one of the largest in the country. In 1886 he organized in Greensburg a local commandery of Knights of St. John, a fraternity with 25,000 members in the United States and Canada. He rose rapidly to prominence in the order and was elected Supreme Commander at the annual convention in Pittsburg in 1893. In June, 1894, he was honored with a re-election by the Buffalo convention. Mr. Kessing is secretary of the Mutual Building and Loan Association and also secretary of the Greensburg Commercial Club.

### JOHN E. OSBORN

Was born near Newpoint, Decatur county, Ind., August 25, 1872. He was raised on a farm, but was given opportunity to obtain a good common school education. Leaving school at the age of seventeen, he entered upon the occupation of farming, but, after two years in this employment, he was called to the auditor's office at Greensburg, where he has continued to serve with excellent ability, greatly esteemed as a young man of worth and high character. He takes an active interest in field sport with gun and is president of the Greensburg Gun Club. His father, Albert I. Osborn, came from the State of New Jersey and located in Decatur county, Ind., about forty years ago.



JOHN E. OSBORN





E. R. MINEAR



S. P. MINEAR

## THE MINEARS

**E. R. MINEAR**—Whose name for many years has been prominently identified with the mercantile interests of the city, was born at Phillipi, W. Va., August 17, 1833, where he was raised and educated in the common schools of that day. When a young man nineteen years old the fever of excitement, then raging over the discovery of gold in California, inspired him to try his fortunes in the new Eldorado, and he journeyed by the water route, crossing the isthmus of Panama,



BUSINESS BLOCK AND RESIDENCE OF E. R. MINEAR

and occupying forty-seven days to reach his destination. He entered the gold fields immediately upon his arrival, and was a practical miner for about seven years, making one trip "back to the States" during that time. He was "lucky," or, rather, persevering and industrious enough to make a "stake," when he returned East and began at Coolville, Ohio, his long and successful career as a merchant. In January, 1860, he mar-

ried Rosa Self, a native of Letart Falls, a small place on the Ohio river. During all his struggles with the busy concerns of life, his wife has been a valuable assistant, and to this day even she manifests an unusual degree of interest in the affairs of their only child. Mr. and Mrs. Minear came to Greensburg in the spring of 1865, and by tireless industry and good business sagacity built up an unpretentious store into one of the largest mercantile establishments in Southern Indiana. The former voluntarily withdrew from its many cares in January, 1890, and lives in retirement in a model home of elegant appointments, and with every modern convenience.

**S. P. MINEAR**—Is a native of Coolville, Ohio, born November 5, 1860, and came to Greensburg with his parents in March, 1865. He left school at the age of sixteen to enter his father's store, where he received that careful instruction which formed the sound basis of a trained successful business man of the commercial world, as he is to-day everywhere recognized to be. At twenty-one he was admitted to partnership in the store, and in 1883, '84 and '85, while still retaining his interest at home, he was with a large importing house in New York City. This valuable experience gave him a riper knowledge of the trade, which he has been enabled to utilize with much benefit to the house, having been its buyer for years. The store occupies three rooms, two of which are 150 feet, and the other 110 feet in depth, altogether having a frontage of 60 feet. Mr. Minear has never bothered with politics—he is strictly a man of business affairs. He belongs to the Masonic order and is a Knight of Pythias.



ALL ARE ENGAGED (WITH ONE EXCEPTION)—  
IN DEEP AND SILENT THOUGHT



## D. SILBERBERG

Was born in a suburb to the city of Bromberg, kingdom of Prussia, on December 10, 1850. He entered school at the age of six, continuing until his thirteenth year, in the city of Konitz, Prussia. He left Fatherland in August, 1864, for Pottsville, Pa. The next year he was apprenticed to a wholesale clothing house in Philadelphia, where three years were devoted to learning the rudiments of that business. He then left for Cincinnati, where the same number of years were given alternately to bookkeeping and traveling salesman for a wholesale clothing house. One year in Texas sufficed to cool Mr. Silberberg's ardor to "go west," and shortly after he opened a clothing house in Pomeroy, Ohio. After eight years of very successful business he entered into partnership with his brother and two cousins, and the wholesale clothing firm of Feder, Silberberg & Co., of Cincinnati, was established. Three years later the firm dissolved and Mr. Silberberg accepted this store as a part of his investment. Close application to business, and a thorough knowledge of it, soon made him master of the situation. It was ten years ago last March that the subject of this sketch made Greensburg his home. He has been more or less associated with all efforts to further the interest of this city, and is known to be ever ready for such

demands. As a Mason and Odd Fellow he takes deep interest in the welfare of both orders. His private life is devoted to his family, consisting of himself, wife and five children.



D. SILBERBERG AND HIS BUSINESS BLOCK



### ALFRED P. GAINES

Clerk of the Decatur Circuit Court, was born in Franklin county, Ind., September 6, 1835. He was raised there, and seized, whenever opportunity presented, the meager common school advantages afforded him during his early youth, widening and enlarging his scope of knowledge by dint of unaided personal effort while successfully battling his way through life. He came to Greensburg in 1855, at the prime of his vigorous young manhood, and engaged in blacksmithing. His natural push and enter-



RESIDENCE OF ALFRED P. GAINES

prising spirit built up by degrees a large and extensive business, and created an industrial plant, widely known as the Gainesville Carriage Works. This endured for twenty years, when all was ruthlessly swept away by fire in November, 1885, leaving nothing but the bare memory of many years of hard toil and tireless energy. In social life he is a man of marked geniality and good nature. He was elected to his present office as a Republican in the fall of 1890. He is a Royal Arch Mason and Odd Fellow, of which last order he is a member of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Indiana.



ALFRED P. GAINES

### HARRY L. GAINES

Deputy Clerk of Decatur County Circuit Court, was born January 24, 1866, in the city of Greensburg. After finishing his tuition in the public schools and a course in commercial college, he learned the trade of carriage trimmer in his father's works, and worked at it for about ten years, visiting many of the Western States during that time. He was ticket agent in this city for the Big Four Railway Company for several months in 1891, and entered upon his present duties in February, 1892. He is the present Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Indiana, and passed all the chairs of his home lodge before the age of twenty-three, 'according to him' the honor and dis-



HARRY L. GAINES

action of being the youngest past grand in the history of the lodge. He is now also Master-Workman of A. O. U. W. Lodge, and a most distinguished member of the justly renowned Ananias Club of this city.



WILLIAM H. ISGRIGG

### WILLIAM H. ISGRIGG

Was born in Greensburg, Ind., April 16, 1853, and received a common school education. He learned the trade of brickmason with Stites & Dwyer, and became a contractor and builder at the early age of twenty. In 1888 he established a brickyard in the southwestern part of the city for the manufacture of common, repressed and ornamental brick, and does a general contracting business in the line of brick work. Mr.

Isgrigg is well known as a thorough going, energetic business man.



### DENTISTS OF THE CITY

**Dr. H. L. MILLIKIN**—Born February 9, 1853, in Vermillion county, Indiana, spent his youth in Hamilton and Cincinnati, O., where he attended the public schools. He began the study of dentistry in 1874 after learning the trade of machinist, and then entered the Ohio Dental College at Cincinnati, from which he graduated March 3, 1880. He practiced his profession at Hamilton, O., and located in Greensburg April 23, 1881, where his fine suite of rooms is fully equipped with the most modern implements and appliances of his profession. He is an Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias.

**Dr. H. M. THOMSON**—Born at Big Mound, Lee county, Iowa,

April 25, 1867. Educated in the common schools, he entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati and graduated from that institution in 1889. He has since been in practice, locating in Greensburg December 24, 1892. For two years he was demonstrator of operative dentistry in the college from which he graduated, and spent one year and a half in London, England, completing there his dental education.

**Dr. R. J. RUSSELL**—Was born in Clay township, Decatur county, and received his early education in the schools at Milford. He subsequently became a student in the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis, and graduated from that institution on March 23, 1894. He also took a post-graduate course in the Prosthetic School of Dentistry, which teaches a scientific knowledge of the best modern methods of crown and bridge work. Dr. Russell began practice in Greensburg April 1, 1894. He is a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders.



### DENTISTS OF THE CITY

H. M. Thomson

H. L. Millikin

R. J. Russell



## WELL-KNOWN CITIZENS

**R. T. WRIGHT**—Was born in Clay township, Decatur county, Ind., November 25, 1855. He was raised on a farm and after going through the common schools spent one year in Hartsville College and two terms in Normal College, at Lebanon, Ohio. He taught school for a short time, and in January, 1879, began business in Greensburg as a boot and shoe merchant, which he continues to conduct with most gratifying success.



WELL-KNOWN CITIZENS

R. T. Wright  
John F. Lugenbell

Steve F. Rogers, P. M.  
Chas. S. Williams

John W. Lanham

He is an Odd Fellow, and has been an active and influential member of the Baptist Church for fourteen years.

**STEVE F. ROGERS**—Postmaster of Greensburg, was born at Moorefield, Switzerland county, Ind., September 15, 1856, and removed to Chesterfield, Ind., with his parents when thirteen years old. He located at Greensburg in September, 1869, and began learning the drug business with A. C. Hazelrigg in 1876, remaining with him till 1882, when he entered the drug store of M. Grover, where he continued until 1889. He then went into the drug business with John L. Dobyns, disposing of his interest in April, 1894, to accept the appointment of postmaster. He held the office of city treasurer four years. Mr. Rogers is a Mason, Past Grand of the I. O. O. F. lodge and Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

**JOHN F. LUGENBELL**—Was born in Greensburg, May 26, 1861, and has always made his home in this city. He passed through all the various grades of Greensburg's public schools, but, just before graduation, entered the busy affairs of life. He learned carriage painting, and for some time has been associated in business with his father, Peter Lugenbell. The son has taken an active interest in the fire department, and has been captain of the company for some years. In May, 1894, he received the unanimous vote of the city council for member of the school board. He has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. lodge, is a member of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of that order, and is Deputy Grand Master for this district.

**CHARLES S. WILLIAMS**—Is a native of Hamburg, Erie county, N. Y., born November 24, 1855. He was raised at Buffalo, N. Y., and educated in the public schools. He resided four years at Oil City, Pa., and in 1876 settled in Greensburg. He learned and worked at the trade



of shoemaker, but for several years past has been engaged at paper hanging. He was married in 1878 to Corinna Beard, a native of Decatur county, and three children, all boys, have blessed this union. Mr. Williams is an enthusiastic lover of sport with rod and gun, and is widely known among sportsmen as a perfect master and trainer of fine dogs for prairie chicken and quail hunting. He is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday-school, and is a Past Chancellor of the K. of P. lodge.

**JOHN W. LANHAM**—Was born on a farm in Clinton township, Decatur county, May 24, 1846. He received a common school education, and early gave evidence of rare natural taste and ability as a machinist, giving special attention to gunsmithing. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-Third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served under Sherman in the memorable Atlanta campaign. He lived in Howard county, Ind., five years after the war, but returned to Greensburg and established himself here as a gunsmith in 1878. He is a Mason and a G. A. R. member.



THE GREENSBURG GUN CLUB

### ❧ **GREENSBURG GUN CLUB**

This is a flourishing club composed of twenty-five young men of sporting proclivities, who organized in November, 1893, "for the benefit and pleasure, as well as the advancement of its members in the art of wing-shooting, and for the protection of game and fish, and to see that the laws are enforced." They have a fine club house, situated upon their own grounds, and regular practice shoots are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, when Cleveland blue rocks are generally used. These shoots have already produced some very gratifying and some phenomenal scores. The officers of the club are: John E. Osborn, president; Taylor F. Meek, vice-president; W. S. Winchester, secretary; Frank M. Thomson, treasurer; C. P. Corbett, captain; John Link, Frank Rigby and George Lanham, directors.



W. E. CARTER



J. E. CARTER



F. D. STEGNER



WM. BARTHEL

## CARTER BROTHERS

On or about February 15, 1895, the public may expect to find the east store room of the Warthin block handsomely fitted up and the Carter Brothers in possession with an array of gents' furnishings on one side of the room and gents' shoes on the other, for the purpose of specially catering to this line of trade.

**W. E. CARTER**—Was born near Council Bluffs, Iowa, November 19, 1872, and settled in Greensburg, April, 1888. He was a clerk in the post-office of this city for three years, and for one year proprietor of the steam laundry.

**J. E. CARTER**—Was born March 1, 1874, also near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and came to Greensburg with his brother. He has been a drug clerk for a number of years.



## STEGNER & BARTHEL

Stegner & Barthel have arrangements made to fit up an elegant merchant tailoring department in connection with the store above mentioned.

**F. D. STEGNER**—Was born January 20, 1864, at Peru, Ind., and in the fall of 1884 located in this city. He has since been connected with the dry goods and clothing trade of Greensburg.

**WILLIAM BARTHEL**—Is a native of Stockholm, Sweden, born November 10, 1864, and has resided in Greensburg since March 25, 1888. As a tailor he is a thorough master of his trade.





O. M. ELDER'S LIVERY STABLE



### P. T. LAMBERT

Was born in Marion county, Ind., May 24, 1831. Lived in Decatur county from 1845 till 1854. He was educated in the common schools of the county. Went to Iowa in 1854 and returned to Decatur county in 1876. Has been a farmer, merchant, stock broker, real estate agent and abstractor of titles of real estate, and has held a few unimportant offices. He owns the only set of abstract books in Decatur county.



P. T. LAMBERT

### ARTHUR HUTCHINSON



ARTHUR HUTCHINSON  
(Deceased)

Who died in this city December 11, 1878, was one of the most public-spirited and influential citizens of Greensburg during his residence here. His untimely death was greatly lamented, for he was universally loved for his genial qualities and enterprising character. His memory is still fresh and green, and it is deemed peculiarly fitting and proper to give a portrait and sketch of him in this Souvenir. He was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to America with his parents when but two years old. He resided, when a boy, at Rising Sun, Ind., and in 1869 came to Greensburg and purchased the woolen mills then in operation. He at once became a prominent figure in all public movements, and enjoyed great prosperity in his business.

He was a member of the city council, was also for a time chief of the fire department, and bought the fire engine. He was elected county commissioner on the Republican ticket, but died before his term of service began. He was a Mason, Good Templar, and belonged to the order of Red Men, and was a member of the Christian Church. Of the five children born to him and his wife, two daughters survive him, one now living at Martinsville, Ind., and the other at Kansas City, Mo.



RESIDENCE OF P. T. LAMBERT

### EDWIN E. DOLES

Manufacturer of spokes, rims and hardwood lumber, was born on a Decatur county farm five miles from Greensburg, at a place now called Hillsdale, April 23, 1866. A good education acquired in the public schools and Moore's Hill College and a business course completed in the Valparaiso Commercial College, fitted him to enter upon a busy and successful career. He was deputy county treasurer under William D. Daily and

afterwards bookkeeper for O. L. Pulse & Co. In 1892 he purchased an interest in his present factory, but after its destruction by fire became sole proprietor of the plant and rebuilt it in December, 1893. He is now materially enlarging its capacity which will necessitate the increase of his present force of forty to fifty men regularly employed. Mr. Doles is, *par excellence*, a rustler and has found a demand for his products in all the adjoining states of Indiana. He is an Odd Fellow and K. of P.

### ALLEN C. DAVIS

Was born in Mechanicsburg, Decatur county, December 25, 1856, and lived there till twenty-two years of age, working on a farm from the time he was large enough to handle a plow. Choosing the profession of tonsorial artist at the early age of seventeen, for a period of five years he walked each week to and from the city, a distance of seven miles, to safely establish himself in business. Such indomitable pluck and perseverance has been justly rewarded and Mr.



ALLEN C. DAVIS

Davis has become sole proprietor of one of the best equipped barber shops and bath rooms in the State. He lives in his own home surrounded by a happy family.



EDWIN E. DOLES AND HIS SPOKE AND RIM FACTORY



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C. H. REED

PHILIP E. NICHOLS

**C. H. REED**—Is a native of Decatur county, born November 29, 1867. He was raised in the city of Greensburg and was educated in our public schools, afterwards taking a course in the Indianapolis Commercial College. For six years he was successfully engaged in the grain business at St. Paul, this county, and came here to form his present partnership in April, 1894. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans order, Knights of Pythias and Red Men.

**PHILIP E. NICHOLS**—Was born on a farm near Osgood, Ind., July 1, 1865. At twelve years of age he removed with his parents to Shelbyville, and later to Irvington. He was appointed one of the wardens of the State Insane Asylum, at Indianapolis, and it was while serving in this capacity that he obtained practical lessons in the art of embalming. He then devoted himself to its study and graduated from the Indiana College of Embalming, June 16, 1893. He came to Greensburg in April, 1893. Mr. Nichols is a Knight of Pythias.

## Prof. JOHN H. BOBBITT

The subject of this sketch, was born in Spartanburg, S. C., December 25, 1848. He received a high school education in Grayson county, Va. He attended the first term of the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. In 1873 he successfully passed examination before the Indiana State Board of Education and was granted a first-class state license for life. In 1877 he graduated at the Cincinnati College



Prof. JOHN H. BOBBITT

of Medicine and Surgery, receiving the degree of M. D. Dr. Bobbitt has maintained his membership in the State Medical Society, though his attention has been given mainly to education. He practiced his profession during the years 1887-'88 in partnership with Dr. J. A. Walters, of the Rush Medical College, at Paxton, Ind. He is known to the people of Decatur county, as school-master, deputy auditor, chairman of the Democratic central committee, county superintendent and as a newspaper correspondent.



## GREENSBURG'S SOCIAL LIFE

The pleasant people of Greensburg are nothing if not social. They maintain the organization of a number of societies, each having praiseworthy objects in view, which bind them closely together in all their social relations. The Souvenir is permitted to give a picture of the Twice Seven Club, and a few interesting groups of young ladies. Of the others, the following brief mention is made :



RESIDENCE OF DR. C. A. COVERT



HOTEL DE ARMOND

**MARRIED LADIES' MUSICAL**—This society, as its name indicates, is composed exclusively of married ladies, and its object is for the systematic study of music. It was organized in September, 1890, at the suggestion of Mrs. Anna Parsons. Nearly all the masters, popular and modern composers for both voice and piano, have been studied.

**WOMAN'S READING CLUB**—At a social party given by Miss Julia Cooke, on the afternoon of January 31, 1893, the ladies there assembled agreed to consider themselves a club and meet regularly. It was the beginning of the Woman's Reading Club, and its membership, at a subsequent meeting, was limited to twenty. The subjects embraced in the



LISTENING TO THE FAIRIES

MISS TERESA RYAN AND DELSARTE CLASS

readings are from the sixteenth century to the present time, and include history, fiction, the drama, poetry and literature.

**LADIES' LITERARY CLUB '94**—Organized by Mesdames Stagnier and Christian. This club seeks to furnish the mind with valuable information to influence the heart by sound moral instruction, and to elevate by purity and delicacy of sentiment.

**THE TOURIST CLUB**—Was organized at the home of Judge F. E. Gavin, October 1, 1894. It is the only club in the city that admits both ladies and gentlemen, and it is intended that the number of each shall always be equal. The membership is limited to thirty. The object of the organization is to visit points of interest in various parts of the world, and by means of description and discussion gain the benefits of travel, as far as possible, without the perils of real travel. The present year will be spent in America, then foreign lands will be visited. The club has not existed long enough to make a record, but is looking hopefully to the future.

**THE CYCLE**—Was organized March 5, 1891, with twenty-five members, and was the only literary organization in Greensburg at that time. A miscellaneous line of study has so far been followed by this club, and it has proved a great mental stimulus and much talent has been developed. Among its members may be found writers of story and verse, elocutionists and composers of music. An enjoyable feature of this club is its open meetings, which are the principal social events of Greensburg society.

**THE "FORTNIGHTLY" READING CLUB**—Was organized September 22, 1894, for the purpose of studying the lives and works of different authors. The club meets every two weeks, each time considering a different author. The program consists of reading, recitations, music, etc.





## THE BABIES.

### Their Names And Ages.

1. Sarah Dorothy Montgomery, 4 months.
2. Lillian Russell, 2 years and 6 months.
3. Jaennette Stockman, 11 months.
4. Malcom Forest Howard, 1 year and 7 mo.
5. Pierce Perry Edkins, 2 years and 3 mo.
6. { Alan Charles Hazelrigg.  
Ethel Marie Hazelrigg.
7. Mabel E. Welsh, 4 months.
8. Marie Wittenberg, 2 years and 4 months.
9. Irvin S. Wright, 2 years and 6 months.
10. Francis Donald Drake, 9 months.
11. Torrance Meek, 3 years and 3 months.
12. Gladys Meek, 1 year and 8 months.

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